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[MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF ULSTER.]

A Genl Synod at Lurgan, June 30th, 1778.

Mr Smith, Mod^r of the former Synod, being absent from this meeting, Mr Rental, as *pastor loci*, being solicited, opened the Synod by preaching from Acts 19 : 20. After sermon, Mr Jackson, upon a motion seconded, took the chair and constituted by prayer, after which were present from the sev^l Pbys as followeth—

Minrs.	Elders.
Tyrone Pby.	
James Todd	
Jno. White	
Wm. Kennedy	
Jno. Macleland	
Mos. Hogg	
Wm. Wilson	
Geo. Murray	
Jos. Smith	Jno. Greer
Killilea Pby.	
Jas. Armstrong	
Jno. Strong	
Mos. Neilson	
Joseph Litle	
Wm. Steel Dickson	Robt. Layry
Armagh Pby	
Hen. Jackson	
Wm. Campbell	
Saml. Livingston	Alex. Given
Robt. Dickson	
Robt. Black	
Strabane Pby.	
Jos. Osborn	
Wm. Craford	
Derry Pby.	
Jno. Law	

Minrs.	Elders.
Templepatrick Pby.	
Wm. Rogers	
Jno. Wright	
Thos. Read	
Wm. Montgomery	
Jno. Bankhead	
Jno. Abernethy	
Andw. Hume	
Dromore Pby.	
Isaac Patrick	Jas Mulligan
Robert McClure	Hen. Dunn
Saml. Barbar	
Jas. Birch	Jno. McKee
Jno. Thompson	Jas. Baxter
Robt. Rentall	Wm. Richardson
Jno. Sherard	Jno. Orr
Jno. Cochran	Saml. Adair
Frans. Turretine	
Bangor Pby.	
Wm. Rowan	
James Hull	
Jas. Cochran	Mr. Gaudy
Jas. Bryson	
Jas. Caldwell	
Jno. Adams	Jno. Strong
Geo. Kennedy	
Robt. Maclintock	
Andw. Craig	
Belfast Pby.	
Jos. Kinkead	
Wm. Laird	
Saml. Patten	

Minrs.	Elders.
Belfast Pby—continued.	
Thos. Birch	Wm. McKee
Hu. McKee	
Andw. Green	
Letterkenny Pby.	
Jos. Lytle	
Ben. McDowell	Robt. Sherard
Rout Pby.	
Robt Henry	
Jno. Smith	Jno. Read

Minrs.	Elders.
Ballymena Pby.	
Jno. Rankin	Wm. Thompson
Jas. Cuming	Alex. Montgomery
Jno. Lyndsay	
Alexr. Speer	
Robt. Christy	
David Park	
Jno. Brown	Robt. Macomb
Dublin Pby.	
Jas. Caldwell	
Monaghan Pby.	
Jas. Jackson	
Saml. Kennedy	
Wm. Smith	
Wm. Moor	
Jno. Davis	
Mat. Trimble	
Clogher Pby.	
None.	

Mod^r chosen

Mr Jackson moved that another be chosen to moderate in y^s Synod. The following brethren were named as a leet: Messrs Wm Kennedy, Neilson, Livingston, Osborn, Law, Read, McClure, McDowell, Henry, Lyndsay, Jackson, McClelland, & Bryson. The Roll was called & Mr Bryson chosen. Mr Rogers continued Clerk.

Clk

M^r McClure

Ordered that M^r McClure being next in votes to the Mod^r now chosen be appointed to preach at next Genl Synod, the second day of their meeting at nine o'clock forenoon.

Ordered that the Sev^l Pbys meet this evening to prepare lists to be given to the Clk of the Synod, to-morrow morning, of their members for the several Committees of overtures, Bills, Books, fund & General Synods fixed Comittee; as also an acc^t of such ministers as have died, been ordained, Installed; candidates been licensed, entered on trials, since last Genl Synod; likewise an account of annuitants on ye fund, if any have died since last Synod the time to be mentioned, also an acc^t of women now living that have been ministers wives, and are not upon the fund.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. This session concluded with prayer.

2^d Sess^n

2^d Session Wednesday, at eleven o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.

M^r McClelland

M^r McCleland, as appointed by last G. Synod, preached from* at nine o'clock y^s forenoon.

*Text not given.

The Pbys gave in lists of their members for the sev[l] Committees, as also the following accts. namely :

Armagh Pby report that M[rs] Cherry & M[rs] Menagh are upon y[e] fund. On y[e] fund

Tyrone Pby have installed M[r] Stitt, at Dungannon, y[e] 1st Sep[r], 1777; they have Licensed M[r] Montgomery, having passed trials according to the Synodical Rules. They have entered on 1st Trials M[r] Anderson; they have ordained M[r] Jo[s] Smith in Keady, 15th of October last past, he is a contributor to the widows fund; annuitants, with them are M[rs] Kennedy, M[rs] Peebles, M[rs] Orr, M[rs] Duffin; not on the fund, M[rs] Rea. Installed Licensed

Killilea Pby have on the fund M[rs] Scott & M[rs] Kennedy.

Strabane Pby have on the fund M[rs] Armstrong.

Derry Pby have ordained M[r] Stephen Brizell at Muff, 30th 8ber, 1776; Mr. Erwin at Fahan in Sep[t], 1777, and M[r] Scott at Donagh, 22 Novem[r], 1777. They licensed M[r] Glendai and M[r] Steel Clark according to the Synodical Rules; they have on trials M[r] Allen, no return of their widows, only that M[rs] Murray died the 22nd April, 1777. Ord[d]

Templepatrick Pby have entered on trials M[r] Jn[o] Marshall, on the fund M[rs] Dunbar, M[rs] White.

Dromore Pby have ordained M[r] M[c]Ferson at Glentubret 6th May 1778, he subscribed the Westminster confession of faith. They have installed M[r] Fran[s] Turretine at Mountnorris y[e] 5th May, 1778. He subscribed the W.M. confession of faith; they have entered on 1st trials M[r] M[c]Neally. On the fund they have M[rs] Gordon, M[rs] White, M[rs] Sims, M[rs] Semple, M[rs] Richey. Ord[d] Installed Trials

Bangor Pby ordained M[r] Craig in Moira, the 30th June, 1778. He was a contributor to the widows fund; they have entered on trials Mess[rs] Gaudy & Strong; on the fund they have M[rs] Warnick, M[rs] Mitchell, fam[y] M[r] Dickson. Ord[d]

Belfast Pby report that M[r] King died the 20th Aug[t], 1777, he was a contributor to the widows fund, and left no family. They have licensed M[r] M[c]Gee according to Synodical Rules, he subscribed the W.M. confession of faith; the widows with them on the fund are M[rs] Malcom, family M[r] M[c]Kean. Dead Licensed

Letterkenny Pby have licensed M[r] M[c]Farland according to the Synodical Rules; he subscribed the confession of faith, they entered on trials M[r] Hu: Morison. The widows with them as in y[e] year past. They also report that M[r] Jn[o] M[c]Means was deposed from the ministerial office the 15th 8ber, 1777, & have suspended M[r] David Allen, *sine die*, y[e] 28th May, 1778; both deprived of the R.D. Licensed Trials Deposed Suspended

Rout Pby have licensed M[r] Moor according to Synodical Rules. They have entered M[r] Ja[s] Elder on trials. No return of y[e] widows. Licensed

Ballymena Pby have entered on trials Messrs Montgomery & Cash. On the fund M^{rs} O'Brian, Mrs Macurdy, Mrs White, Mrs Hill, Mrs Cochran, Mrs Brown, not on the fund M^{rs} McCreight.

Dublin Pby have on the fund Mrs Patten, Mrs Vance, M^{rs} McBeath, fam^{y} Mr Killburn.

Monaghan P'by have licensed Mr Thos Jackson according to Synodical Rules; widows on the fund Mrs Bond, Mrs Mackee, Mrs Warnick, Mrs Clark died the 23rd June Ins^{t}.

From Clogher Pby no return.

Synod's Committee

The members of the Synod's fixed Committee are as followeth :—

From Armagh Pby Messrs Cample & Livingston with an Elder.
Tyrone Pby Messrs White & McClelland w^{t} an Elder.
Killilea Pby Messrs Macomb & Strong with an Elder.
Monaghan Pby Messrs Smith & Trimble with an Elder.
Strabane Pby Messrs Osborn & Craford with an Elder:
L.kenny Pby Messrs Marshall & Alexander with an Elder.
T.patrick Pby Messrs Read & Montgomery w^{t} an Elder.
Dromore Pby Messrs Maclure & Barbar w^{t} an Elder.
Bangor Pby Messrs Hull & Caldwell with an Elder.
Belfast Pby Messrs Huey & Laird with an Elder.
Ballymena Pby Messrs Rankin & Lyndsay with an Elder.
Rout Pby Messrs Ewing & Marshall with an Elder.
Dublin Pby Mr Caldwell with an Elder.
Derry no return.
Clogher no return.

These with our Moderator & Clerk are to meet at Dungan when called by the Moderator upon any emergency, 15 to be a quorum, whereof 12 at least are to be ministers.

Pbys to meet

The Several Pbys are ordered to meet immediately, Adjourned to 7 o'clock. Interloq^{r} at 5. This Session concluded with prayer, &c.

3^{d} Sess^{n}

3^{d} Session at 7 o'olock, afternoon, after prayer &c.

Next Synod

It was agreed that the time and place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now. Lurgan was proposed and agreed to without a division. The next meeting of the Genl Synod to be at Lurgan, the last Tuesday in June, '79. Sermon to begin at five o'clock afternoon.

Caple Street

On reading the minute of last Genl Synod upon the business of Caple Street congregation, and Mr. Baird's case, it appeared that the Committee appointed to meet at Newry did convene, as appointed,

where commissioners, complainants, and also Mr Baird in his defence, did appear, and the copy of said Committee's minute is as followeth :—

At a Committee of the Genl Synod met at Newry Augt 12th, 1777, members present— Committee Newry

Minrs.	Elders.
Messrs Robt Smith, Modr.	
,, Geo. Harris	
,, Jno Davis	John Baily
,, Jas Jackson	
,, Michl Henry	Wm Kennedy
, Jos: Litle	
,, Saml Barbar	
,, Jos : Hay	
,, Isaac Patrick	Wm Gordon
,, James Moodie	Jas Pollock
,, Henry Jackson	
,, William Campbell	
,, Saml Livingstone	
,, Andw Kennedy	
,, Wm Steel Dickson	
,, William Stitt	John Neall

Mr Barbar opened the Committee by preaching from Jo. 8 : 46.

Appeared from Caple Street, Dublin, Messrs Stewart, Blair, & Gilbert, Commrs, to support the complaints against Mr Baird. Mr Baird also appeared. The Commissioners from Dublin & Mr Baird declared themselves ready for trial. The reasons in support of the supplication of the commissioners at the Genl Synod containing the charge against Mr Baird were read. The reasons were also read again severally & considered. The witnesses adduced in proof of each, and Mr Baird's defence were fully heard, after which the Committee came to the following resolution—to wit, that all the material charges brought against Mr Baird's conduct and character were proved or admitted, and that though the whole of the transactions under consideration, Mr Baird hath discovered a mind not sufficiently impressed with the principles of that Religion he professed to preach and practise. The Committee therefore having a just abhorrence of Mr Baird's conduct and behaviour, do appoint the Moderator to rebuke him from the pulpit, in the most solemn manner, for the Temper of mind, and Tenure of conduct thus discovered, and warmly and earnestly admonished him to act a part in future more suitable to his character as a man, & a Christian, and particularly as a minister of the Gospel, and they farther enjoin him not to preach or exercise the function of a Gospel Minister within the bounds of the Genl Synod, unless by appointment of that Synod, or some particular Pby thereunto belonging ; and also to enjoin him to give up his present house, and all the appendages belonging to the congregn of Caple Street to the Trustees of that congregation, in

Commrs Caple Street

Censured

one month from the date hereof, or as soon after as demanded by the said Trustees, otherwise he be disposed [deposed] from the ministry *ipso facto*. Mr. Baird was accordingly rebuked & admonished, upon which he renounced all subjection & dependance upon the Gen[l] Synod, and all its subordinate parts.

Mr Baird deposed

The Conduct and resolution of the Committee who met at Newry was considered and approved by this Synod.

It was then enquired in what relation does M[r] Baird now stand to this Synod, when it appeared to be their mind that he is deposed from the ministry, and that he is no longer entitled to the R.D. than the 25th June, 1777, of which the Clerk of the Synod is ordered to give Information to Mr. Lang without loss of time.

Ballyhalbert

Upon reading the minutes of last G. Synod relative to the Ballyhalbert and Kirkcobrin differences, it appeared that M[r] Henry had changed Pulpits with M[r] Dickson, the day appointed and report that the Cong[n] of Ballyhalbert did in the most ample manner conform everything, proposed by their commissioners, for peace & concord; therefore this Synod most heartily approve of the conduct [of that] congregation.

Fund

Resolved that the affairs relative to the Synod's fund be refered to the Com[ttee] of that fund to meet to-morrow at eight o'clock forenoon.

Caple Street

A supplication from the Conreg[n] of Caple Street, Dublin, was presented to this Synod by Mess[rs] Gilbert & Richey, commissioners, seting forth that an unanimous call, had through the Pby Letterkenny, been presented to the Rev. M[r] M[c]Dowell from that Cong[n]; he desired some time might be allowed him to consider so momentous a matter, and that he wou'd give his answer at next meeting of the Pby. That the Congregation of Caple Street did transmit their reasons for M[r] M[c]Dowell's removall to the Mod[r] of the Pby Letterkenny, and minutes of said Pby represent that M[r] M[c]Dowell craved advice from y[e] Pby, who finding themselves difficulted, declined giving him any advice, but left the whole to the final decision of this Synod. They therefore pray the application of the kind offices of this Synod in recommending to M[r] M[c]Dowell the acceptance of their call. The abstract of the minutes of the Pby of Letterkenny relative to the above affair were also read, whereby it appears for several reasons they refer the whole matter to y[e] Synod.

Mr McDowell

Mr McDowell removed to Caple Street

Reasons against the removal of M[r] M[c]Dowell to the Cong[n] of Caple Street were read by M[r] Sherard, &c., Commissioners of the Cong[n] of Ballykelly. Commissioners being heard at full length, and removed, M[r] M[c]Dowell was called upon to give light in this matter, who replyed he had nothing to offer by way of Information, only if required he was ready to declare his mind, with respect to his accepting or rejecting the call of Caple Street congregation. The Synod then demanded, M[r] M[c]Dowell his own determination, who said that considering the matter, with the most serious attention, it appeared to him that the invitation from Caple Street Cong[n] was providential, therefore he accepted their call, but that he was still sensible of the subjection due by him, as a Presbyterian, to this Synod: I am in your hands.

This Synod declared they wou'd exercise no power or authority over Mr McDowell, nor give him any advice, but leave him at full liberty; and it is the mind of this Synod that a copy of this minute shall be transmitted to be read to the congregation of Ballykelly next Lord's day.

Adjourned till 11 o'clock to-morrow morning. Interloqr at nine. Ys session concluded with prayer.

4th Session Thursday at 11 o'clock forenoon, after prayer &c. 4th Sessn.

The Committee of the fund who met this morning at 8 o'clock as directed report by their minutes that Mr Rowan is entitled to the fund till this date collected by the Pby of Ballymena. That Mr Jas Read shall be placed to the Pby Ballymena, instead of Mr Rowan, and that Mr Rowan be hereafter put upon the fund of the Pby of Belfast. Fund

Ordered by this Synod that the Pby Ballymena shall have it in their power to dispose the fund money they have collected, as they shall see cause.

2dly The Committee resolved that the money which has been stopped out of the R.D. of the members, who neglected making collections for ye Synod's fund, shou'd be disposed of, were of opinion that the money shou'd lay in Mr Lang's hands till next G. Synod. That if the Gentlemen from whom it was stoped shou'd before that time make collections, it shou'd then be restored to them; but in case they did not, the Synod then act as they thought proper.

Mr Henry, of Dromore Pby, entered his protest against detaining any of the R.D. on acct of the fund money. Protest

The Synod after reasoning on the above resolution, moved confirm the resolution of the Committee or not? The Roll was called and it carried, confirm.

On reading the minute of Ballykelly affair it was moved and agreed to that a member of this Synod be appointed to preach at Ballykelly next Lord's day, read the said minute, and declare the congregation vacant; and at the request of the Commissioners we appoint Mr Lytle to go to the congregation of Ballykelly, preach to that people, & execute the above purpose, Mr McFerlan to preach to Mr Lytle's congregation. Mr Sherard, commr from Ballykelly, in consequence of full power vested in him by his constituents, Intreat this Synod will take that congregn under their special care, and that an ordained minister may supply them for one month, after the 1st Lord's days in July Inst. And at the instance of the Commissioner this Synod appointed Mr Simson to supply them the 2d & 3d Lord's day in July Inst.; & Mr Birch to supply them the 4th Lord's days in July & 1st in Augt next. The different Pbys within our bounds are enjoined to send them suppliers to the Congn of Ballykelly, as they, from time to time shall apply for till our next meeting. Ballykelly

A Supplication from the congregation of Letterkenny was produced by Jno Patterson, complaining of grievances arising from the Letterkenny

resolution of this Synod at their last meeting in disannexing a part of their number, and erecting them into a distinct congregation—that they were unapprized of the designs of the said party: that the Synod (tho' they doubt nothing of its sincerity) must have been misled by wrong representations of the people erected, therefore belong formerly to the Cong^{n} of Donfanahy. This the suppliants expressly deny, and assert that the congregation of Letterkenny will be materially injured, Fannet totally demolished; they therefore pray that the Resolution of this Synod as to the erection of Kilmacranan be rescinded.

At the same time two papers, but unsupported by any Commissioner from Donfanaghy, were read complaining of the suspension of Mr Allen, their minister, praying his restoration, & that the Pby of L.kenny be censured.

Letterkenny

Upon considering the above supplication & paper relative to it, agreed that the whole of this matter be referred to a Committee, consisting of the Pby Rout, Strabane, and Derry, who are hereby empowered to determine & finally issue that matter, to meet at St. Johnston the 1st Tuesday in August next, only such members of such Pbys as were formerly correspondents with the Pby Letterkenny when Mr Allen was suspended shall not sit & vote with the Committee. The Pby of Letterkenny & the parties concerned are enjoined to attend & give light to the Committee, five minr^{s} & their elders to be a quorum, Mr Craford, Mr Law, & Mr Davis to notifie to their respective Pbys to be punctual in attending. Mr Patterson, Comm^{r} from the congregation of Letterkenny, to give a copy of this minute to Mr Allen and he to communicate it to the people of Killmacrennan & Drumfanachy.

Adjourned till 5 o'clock, y^{s} Session concluded with prayer, &c.

5th Sess^{n}

5th Session, Thursday, at 5 o'clock afternoon, &c.

Killenker

A supplication was presented to the Synod by Alex^{r} Henry & Robert Rogers from the congregation of Killenker, setting forth that at last Synod they obtained the order of this Synod for a collection in the several congregations within our Bounds, to enable them to rebuild their meetinghouse. The collection to be made as soon as they shou'd obtain a Lease of the ground for their meeting house from the Right Honble Lord Fernam, that they now have obtained a Lease, but litle respect has been paid to said order obtained last year; and therefore they pray this Synod's Injunction may be speedily put in execution.

The Synod considering the above supplication, find that some Pbys and individuals have complyed & paid their collections to Mr Sprate, but as a great many are yet deficient ordered that they may be careful to make collections as early in ye summer as possible, and remit the amount to Mr Campell of Armagh. The Pby of Monaghan are enjoyed to lay before the Cl^{k} an acc^{t} of what is advanced that it may be entered into the minutes.

A Letter from the congregation of Ballyhalbert was read in this Synod, expressing their gratitude to this Synod for their particular care to restore peace and concord, and to heal the unhappy breaches of that cong^{n}, and informing them that the discontents have persevered: That the Church of Scotland have lent aid to their supplication, and in the face of the order of this Synod have ordained & sent over a minister to Kirckcobin, who are, as they were informed, officiate as minister, but with what views, or upon what principles, they leave with the wisdom of this Synod to determine.

A supplication at the same time signed by Geo: Brydone was read setting forth that he is a minister in the Pby of Lauder in Scotland, that he was called by the people of Kirkcobin—a bond of £50 ℔ ann had been tendered to him by said people, which he had accepted of, and has become the minister of Kirkcobin, now earnestly prays the benefit of our brotherly communion & that he may be rec^{d} as a member of this Synod. Annexed to the above supplication was a request in the name of Kirkcobin, praying that they with their minister may be taken under the care & protection of this Synod. Mr Brydone

Mr Brydone was then called upon and enquired at as to his credentials, very ample originals of which he produced, in his License from the Pby of Lauder, and also Testimonials of ordination at the instance of the people of Kirkcobin, and Certificate of his moral character. Kirkcobin

The Synod considered Mr Brydone's supplication, and also that from Kirkcobin, and rejected them, as inconsistent with the Resolutions of this Synod, and implying an Insult to them, as said Resolutions were well known to the people of Kirkcobbin, as we have reason to believe to Mr Brydone also.

The Synod therefore appoint a deputation of their Body of the following members, viz., Messrs White, Campble, Livingstone, Craford, and Jackson to write a letter to the Mod^{r} of the G. Assemby of the Church of Scotland, to be communicated, complaining of the irregular behaviour of the Pby of Lauder relative to the above matter, which was read and approved of, & is as followeth:—

Rev^{d} and Dear Brother,

Letter to the Kirk of Scotland

It hath appeared to us by authentic papers, signed by the Mod^{r} & Clerk of the Revd Pby of Lauder that they have ordained a Mr Brydone and sent over to officiate as a minister of the Gospel to a part of the parish of Ballyhalbert, and calling themselves the congregation of Kirkcobbin. This small body of people applyed at the last annual meeting of the Genl Synod of Ulster praying to be erected into a Distinct Congregation.

The Synod took their supplication under consideration, and after the fullest Inquiry it appeared that said petition was not founded on any religious concern, or matter of conscience, and consequently that granting it would not answer any valuable end, but, on the contrary, wou'd be injurious to neighbouring congregations & prejudicial to the interests of Religion. Therefore refused their petition.

From our earnest desire of maintaining & cultivating such communion & intercourse between the Church of Scotland and our Church, as becometh Christian Brethren, we thought it necessary in the spirit of brotherly love to remonstrate against the late conduct of the Pby of Lauder, which, we are sorry to say, appears to us strangely irregular, and un-Presbyterial, and most unfriendly : Instances of the like kind in other of your Pbys we have passed over unnoticed, but in order to prevent such unhappy interruption of our peace in future we do make it our unanimous request; that you will be pleased to inspect into the conduct of said Pby in this particular, and take such measures, as in your wisdom & Brotherly love, shall appear most efectual to establish & preserve that Harmony, good understanding, & Christian intercourse which hath subsisted between the Church of Scotland & the Synod of Ulster.

Signed in our name & by our appointment at Lurgan, the 3d July, 1778, by

JAs BRYSON, Modr.

P.S.—We earnestly request your Indulging us with an answer previous to the next meeting of our G. Synod the last Tuesday in June, 1779, directed to our Modr, the Revd Mr James Bryson of Belfast.

To The Revd the Modr of the Genl Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Glentulret

A supplication was presented to this Synod from the congregation of Glentubret, praying that they may be annexed to the Pby of Dromore. The Synod having reasoned on the affair, and hearing the Pby of Dromore, proceeded to vote—Annex said congregation or not? The Roll called, and it carried, annex. That congregn hereby acknowledged to belong to the Pby Dromore.

Venecash

A supplication was presented from the congregation of Venecash complaining of great remissness in several congregations in the Pbys of Dromore & Rout in making good their localities due by order of the Synod to these congregations. They therefore pray this Synod's interposition and aid.

The several members of Dromore Pby who were present being spoke to promised to use their endeavours to answer any expectations from them, and Mr Cuming is ordered to write to the Pby Rout, that the congregations of Killratis, Armoy, Maghera, Romoan, & Bavidy, who have entirely neglected Venecash, may be directed to make collections & remit them to Mr Todd without delay.

Motion for the Fund

It was moved & resolved that this Synod recommend it in the warmest manner to its several members to use their utmost diligence to raise contributions for the support of the poor congregations which now are, or may hereafter be, upon the fund, and the Synod fully convinced of the charitable & benovelent dispositions of the several members will leave this important affair entirely to themselves, hoping this mode

will conduce more to the true interest of the fund than those that have hitherto been adopted.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st *Interloqr.*

At an Interloqr consisting of the constituents of the Widows fund, a Letter from the Trustees of that fund was read, in which they express their satisfaction of our increasing fund, and their perseverance in the execution of that Trust. 1st Interloqr

Resolved that Messrs Wm Craford and James Caldwell shall answer the Trustees Letter, and express in the warmest manner our gratitude for the care & assiduity in the management of our fund.

A letter from Mr Lang to our Clerk was also read, informing us that the amount of the widows fund down to the 1st July Inst is £10,349 : 2 : and that over and above the provision made for the widows to the 1st July Inst, there remains in his hands £160 : 16 : 7, which the Trustees have ordered to be laid out in Government Debrs, he represents Debrs as low & still expected lower.—That the interest upon Debrs to the 24th June last, yet due, and no money of any kind issuing from the Treasury of a civil nature.

Also that he sent copies of the Divid^d of the R.D. and of the stoppages from the ministers who omitted to make collections for the Synod's fund of £26 : 14 : 7½.

Ordered that our Clerk shall answer Mr Lang's Letter, inform him that the widows fund will bear £12 to each annuitant, therefore the annuities shall commence the 1st Janry, 1779, at £12 to each annuitant. Annuities at £12 each

Mr Lang also to be informed that the stoppages for the benefit of the Synod's fund shall be restored in case they make collections before the meeting of next G. Synod. Stoppages refunded

2d *Interloqr.*

On reading the resolution of last G. Synod relating to the Alienation of the accumulated capital of the widows fund. In this Interloqr it was moved and seconded—Rescind this resolntion or not ? on which the previous question was moved ; consider now or refer to the constituents at next G. Synod. The Roll was called, & it carried refer. 2d Interloqr

The Clerk of the Synod is instructed to inform Mr Lang to remit to Mr Kennedy, of Tyrone Pby, the annuity of ye fund, by him to be divided between Mrs Hood & the orphans of Mr Peebles.

Inserted by

WM. ROGERS, G.S.C.

4th July, 1778.

A Genl Synod at Lurgan, June 29th, 1779.

Mr Bryson, Modr of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from John 5th : 39. Then constituted by prayer, after which were present from the sevl Pbys as follow—

Minrs.	Elders.
Clogher Pby.	
None present.	
Killilea Pby.	
Mos. Neilson	Robt. Herron
Jos. Litle	
Wm. Steel Dickson	Mr. Wm. Park
Armagh Pby.	
Hen. Jackson	
Wm. Campbell	
Saml. Livingstone	Robt. McNeilly
Robt. Dickson	
Robt. Black	
Boyl Moodie	
Strabane Pby.	
Jos. Osborn	
Wm. Craford	
Derry Pby.	
None present	
T.patrick Pby.	
Will. Rogers	
Thos. Read	
Jno. Bankhead	
Andw. Hume	
Dromore Pby.	
Jno. Smith	
Robt. M'Clure	Mr. Jno. Robbin
Saml. Barbar	Saml. Swain
Jas. Birch	Jno. Sprate
Jno. Thomson	Andw. Smith
Issac Patrick	
Jos. Hay	
Robt. Rentall	Jas. Kennedy
Jno. Sherard	Wm. Copbin
Jno. Cochran	Saml. M'Cadam
Frans. Turretine	Gordon M'Murray
Jas. M'Ferson	Alexr. Boyd

Minrs.	Elders.
Bangor Pby.	
Wm. Rowan	
James Hull	
Jas. Cochran	
Jas. Bryson	
Jas. Stoupe	
Jas. Caldwell	Robt. M'Clinto
Docr. Martin Stephenson	
Robt. Clintock	
Andw. Craig	Mr. Jno. Dobbin
Belfast Pby.	
James Huey	
Wm. Laird	
Jos. Kinkead	
Alexr. Henry	
Thos. Birch	
Andw. Greer	
Thos. Kennedy	
L.kenny Pby.	
Andw. Alexander	Mr. Jno. Best
Jos. Lytle	
David Allen	
Rout Pby.	
Robt. Henry	
Jno. Smith	
Jno. Simpson	
Alexr. Marshall	
Ballymena Pby.	
Jno. Rankin	
Jos. Douglass	
James Cuming	
Jno. Lyndsay	
Dublin Pby.	
James Caldwell	

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Monaghan Pby.		Tyrone Pby.	
James Jackson	Mr. Jas. Nisbett	Jas. Todd	
Wm. Sprate	Jas. Stafford	Jno. White	
Geo. Harris		Willm. Kennedy	
Mathew Trimble		Jno. Mackleland	
		Moses Hogg	
		Willm. Wilson	David Duncan
		Geo. Murray	
		Jas. Whiteside	
		Will. Stitt	
		Jos. Smith	

Mr Bryson moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following Brethren were named as a leet—Messrs Livington, Osborn, Henry, Read, Stoupe, Litle, Lyndsay, Jackson, Kennedy, Macleland, and Maclure. The Roll called, and Mr Maclure chosen. Mr Rogers continned Clerk. Modr Chosen Clk

Ordered that the several Pbys meet this evening and prepare lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning of their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund and Genl Synods fixed Committee, as also, an account of such Ministers as have died, been Ordained, Installed, or Candidates entered on trials since last G. Synod. Likewise an acct of annuitants upon the fund, and if any have died since last Synod, the time when to be mentioned; alsoan acct of women now living that have been minisrs wives and are not upon the fund. Pby to meet

Ordered that upon the event of any annuitant's death the Pby in whose bounds the annuitant lived do immediately inform Mr Lang, that no mistake be made in the distribution of the annuities.

Ordered that Mr Stoupe being next in votes (except Mr Osborn and Mr Kennedy, who have formerly preached) to the Moderator now chosen, he be appointed to preach at next Genl Synod, the second day of their meeting, at 9 o'clock, forenoon. Mr Stoupe

Adjourned until eleven o'clock forenoon, ys Sessn concluded wt prayer.

2d *Session Wednesday, at Eleven o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.*

Mr Maclure, as appointed at last Genl Synod, preached at nine o'clock from Phil: 4 & 5 ver. 2d Sessn

The several Pbys gave in Lists of their members for the sevl Committees as also the following accts, namely—

Killilea Pby report they have licensed John Gibson according to Synodical Regulations, and entered on trials Mr Wm Bigham. They have widows on the fund, Mrs Kennedy. Mrs Fergie died the 10th July, 1778. Mrs Scott died. Licensed Trials Two widows dead

Dead

Armagh Pby report that Mr Moodie died the 26th May, 1779, he left a widow and children. They have admitted Mr Boyl Moodie from the Pby Dublin, the Southern association as a member with them. They have licensed Mr Robt Jackson according to Synodical appointment, and they entered on 2d trials Mr Col Lyndsay from the Island of Aron, Scotland. They have on the fund Mrs Menogh, Mrs Cherry, Mrs Moodie. Not on the fund Mrs Carlile, Mrs Stewart.

Strabane Pby have on the fund Mrs Armstrong.

From Londonderry no return.

Licensed
Trials

Templepatrick Pby have licensed Mr John Marshall according to Synodical appointment. They have entered on trials Mr Hu. Gilmore. On the fund they have Mrs Dunbar, Mrs White.

Licensed
Trials

Dromore Pby report they have licensed Messrs McBride & McNeally, who subscribed the Confession of faith and conformed to the Synodical Regulations. They have entered on trials Messrs Saml Sloan & Moses Thompson. On the fund they have Mrs White, Mrs Gordon, Mrs Semple, Mrs Simms, Mrs Richey, famy Mr Mulligan.

Dead
Dead

Bangor Pby report that Mr John Adams died the 9th Janry, 1779, & Mr Geo. Kennedy the 5th April last. They had no family; on the fund they have Mrs Warnick, Mrs Mitchell, & famy Mr Dickson to the 18th May, 1779.

Installed
Licensed
Trials

Belfast Pby have Installed Mr Kennedy at Holywood, ye 4th Augt, 1778; he is a subscriber to the widows fund. They have licensed Messrs Aoret [Arnold] and John Johnston according to Synodical regulations. They have entered on trials Messrs McKee & Trotter; on the fund the have Mrs Malcom, famy Mr Walker, & famy Mr McKean.

Dead
Ordd.
Licensed
Trials

Letterkenny Pby report that Mr Nisbet died in Decemr, 1778, & that he left a widow, that to be considered. They have ordained Mr John Holmes at Donagheedie ye 13th April, 1778; he is a contributor to the widows fund. They have licensed Mr Morison according to Synodical appointment. They have on trials Messrs Moore & Morison; on the fund Mrs Turrtine.

Ordd.
Ordd.
2d Trials
1st Trials

Rout Pby have ordained Mr Glenday at Maghara in Decmr, 1778. He is a contributor to the widows fund. They ordained Mr Robt Thompson the 23d April, 1779. They licensed Mr Jas Elder according to Synodical Regulations. They have entered on 2d trials Mr Moore, and on 1st trials Mr Hu: Boyland & Mr Hu: Hamill. They have on the fund Mrs Lynd, Mrs Gaston, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Smylie.

Licensed
Widow dead

Ballymena Pby report that they have licensed Messrs Montgomery & McCash according to Synodical regulations. They have on the fund Mrs O'Brien, Mrs McCurdy, Mrs Brown, Mrs Hill, Mrs Cochran; Mrs White died the beginning of March, 1779. Not on the fund Mrs McCreight.

Installed

Dublin Pby report they have installed Mr McDowell in Caple Street, Dublin. They have on the fund Mrs Patten, Mrs McBeath, Mrs Vance, famy Mr Killburn.

Monaghan Pby licensed Mr Thos Jackson according to Synodical regulations. They have on the fund Mrs Bond, Mrs McKee, Mrs Warnock. Licensed

From Clogher Pby no return.

Tyrone Pby report that Mr Ker died ye 11th Decmr, 1778; he left a widow and children They have licensed Mr John Anderson according to Synodical regulations. They have entered on trials Mr John Sinclare; on the fund Mrs Orr, Mrs Peebles, Mrs Duffin, Mrs Ker, Mrs Kennedy died ye 28th 8ber, 1778. Mrs Rea not on fund.

The Synods fixed Committee is as followeth:

Synod's Committee

From Monaghan Pby Messrs Jackson & Trimble with an Elder.
Armagh Pby Messrs Jackson & Campbell wt an Elder.
Strabane Pby Messrs Osborn & Craford with an Elder.
Killilea Pby Messrs Strong & Neilson with an Elder.
Templepatrick Pby Messrs Lewson & Montgomery with an Elder.
Dromore Pby Messrs Thomson & Birch with an Elder.
Bangor Pby Messrs Hull & Bryson with an Elder.
Belfast Pby Messrs Laird & Huey with an Elder.
Letterkenny Pby Messrs Burk & Taylor with an Elder.
Rout Pby Messrs Simson & Camron with an Elder.
Ballymena Pby Messrs Rankin & Lyndsay with an Elder.
Tyrone Pby Messrs Caldwell & White with an Elder.
Clogher none.
Londonderry none.

These with our Moderator & Clerk are to meet at Dunganon when called by the Modr on any emergency, 15 to be a quorum, whereof 12 at least are to be minrs.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock afternoon. Interloqr at 5. This sessn concluded with prayer.

3 *Session Wednesday, at 7 o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c.* 3d Sessn

It was moved that the Time and place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now. The question was put, Dunganon or Lurgan, Belfast or Antrim. The Roll called, Belfast & Dunganon being equal in the greatest number of votes, the Modr decided; therefore next Synod to meet at Dunganon the last Tuesday in June, 1780, Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon. Next Synod to be at Dunganon

Mr Neilson, of Strabane by having transmitted a collection for the Synod's fund, ordered that Mr Lang be instructed to remit him the half guinea Detained by order of this Synod on acct of the Synod's fund.

From ye Genl Assembly

In Answer to our Mod^rs Letter to the Genl Assembly of the Church of Scotland of the 3^d July, 1778. The letter of that Body signed by their Mod^r was read w^c was considered & approved of as a satisfactory & respectfull answer, & is as follow—

Dear Brother,

Upon receiving your Letter complaining of ye conduct of the Pby of Lauder, I laid it before the G. Assembly, who called upon the Comm^rs from that Pby to explain the part of their conduct, which you found hurtfull, and I have the order of the Assembly to inform you that it appeared to them the above mentioned Pby were far from having any Intention, or the most remote Idea of doing a thing disagreable to you, by ordaining Mr Brydone. He was well known, and much esteemed by them, and they deem'd the call they sent him not Irregular, but as your letter has discovered their mistake, they wou'd for the future carefully avoid whatever had the least tendency to Interupt the peace of your Synod.

And the Genl Assembly of the Church of Scotland, extremely desirous to mentain Harmony, good understanding, & Christian Intercourse with your Synod, Informed all Pbys to guard against everything that cou'd have a contrary Tendency; I am sorry the inattention of any Pby of this church shou'd have unhappily interupted the peace of your Synod, but have now the greatest reason to trust that hereafter you will have no such cause of complaint.

I think proper to acquaint you that the G. Assembly have y^s year enacted a Law in the following words. "The Assembly do hereby prohibit all persons educated or residing within the bounds of this Church, to go out of its Bounds, to obtain Licenses to preach, and prohibit all preachers licensed by this Church from going out of its Bounds to obtain ordination, unless they are called to a particular congregation in another country.

"And enact that Licenses obtained in that manner shall not be rec^d nor have any effect in this Church; and such preachers as controveen this act shall forfeit the License formerly given them, and be no longer entitled to the priviliges which belong to a preacher of the Gospel in this Church.

What is above you'l please to communicate to the G. Synod of Ulster.

I embrace with pleasure this opportunity of assuring you that I am,

Rev^d & Dear Brother,

Your most ob^t & faithful humble servant,

JAS. GILLESPIE, Mod^r.

Eldenbrough, 21st May, 1779.

It was moved & seconded that the Thanks of this Synod be returned to Doc^r Wight of Glasgow, for his care in the above affair, and Mr Bryson is enjoined to transmit their Thanks accordingly.

Ordered that the Committee of funds do meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

A Supplication from part of the Cong^{n} of Islandmagee was presented to this Synod under sev^{l} Resolutions.—Their disapprobation of the character & conduct of their present min^{r} M^{r} McAuly, Imploring the attention & interposition of this Synod for their relief. Islandmagee

At the same time a counter Supplication from part of the Session & Congreg^{n} of Islandmagee was presented in favour of M^{r} McAuly, complaining of the irregularity of the first supplicating partly in their measures against their min^{r}.

The Synod considering the above supplications, it was moved and agreed to that this whole matter be referred to a Committee of the following min^{rs}—viz., Messrs Huey & Laird, from Belfast Pby, Messrs Henry & Thomson, from Dromore Pby, from Bangor Pby, Messrs Hull & Bryson, & Messrs Rankin, Brown, & Lyndsay from Ballymena Pby. The Pby of T.patrick to attend said Committee to meet at Islandmagee the 3^{d} Tuesday in July next & give light in the affair, 5 min^{rs} & three elders to be a quorum. Mr Lyndsay to preach. The Committee are authorised to give Judgment in that affair & finally to issue the same. The Clerk of the Synod to furnish both parties with a copy of this minute. Committee to Meet

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Interloq^{r} at 12. This Sess^{n} concluded with prayer.

4th Session Thursday at 9 o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.

A Supplication from part of the Cong^{n} of Ushers Quay, Dublin, was presented to this Synod seting forth that they have hitherto & since their Junction with the Congregation of Plunket Street lived in much peace & Harmony, that they are deeply concerned to inform this Synod that their Tranquility hath of late been & still is like to be interrupted with respect to different sentiments prevailing among them respecting the chusing a Colleague to their much esteemed pastor Mr Caldwell. That in opinion of supplicants, measures very irregular & unconstitutional have been used to Introduce into the above relation Mr Sinclare Killburn, belonging to the Southern association, and also disrespectful to their present minister. That application by part of said Congreg^{n} in contradiction to the strongest remonstrances & earnest pressing conciliatory measures hath been made to the Pby of Belfast, in order that a Call from that Cong^{n} to Mr Killburn should be prepared & presented to him. Ushers Quay

It was moved & agreed to without entering into the merits of the affairs of Ushers Quay Cong^{n}, a Committee of Ministers shall instantly convene & form a resolution relative to said Cong^{n}.

The Committee at the following session met as appointed, and after mature deliberation do recommend the following expedients viz. that a minister be appointed by this Synod to supply Ushers Quay for Mr Killburn

six Lord's days, That Mr Killburn be appointed to supply in that Congregn for four Sabbhs commencing at the expiration of that time and that a minister be now appointed to go to Dublin four months after Mr Kilburn has preached there, to take the minds of the people with regard to Mr Killburn, and to report at the meeting of next Genl Synod; no person shall have a vote but such as are now Contributors to the support of that Congregation.

Signed by order,

JAS. HULL, Modr.

The Resolution of the Committee was considered & approved by ys Synod. This Synod do in consequence of the above decision, allow the Commrs to go together & nominate a minr to supply Ushers Quay six Lord's days :—and they have agreed upon Mr Moor, now supplying in Caple Street, from the Pby Rout, and this nomination is confirmed, and Mr Moor is hereby appointed to supply Ushers Quay six Lord's days, commencing the 2d Lord's day in July next—Mr Killburn is appointed to preach in Ushers Quay the four Lord's days following Mr Moor, and four months after Mr Killburn's time is expired. This Synod appoint Mr Campbell to go to Ushers Quay, take the minds of that Congregation, and report the Determination at next G. Synod: and it is Determined that there is to be no application from Ushers Quay respecting Mr Killburn to the Pby Belfast, till after next G. Synod.

Bovedy

A Supplication was presented to this Synod from part of the Congregation of Bovedy to the amount of 226 heads of families praying that they may be taken under the care of this Synod, and in due time provided with a minister and supplies in the meantime.

Killrea, &c.

A Supplication was presented to this Synod by the Inhabitants of Killrea, Tamlagh, & Desert, remonstrating against the above snpplication, affirming that constituting the above supplicants into a separate Congn wou'd be highly injurious to the Interests of Religion in those parts, from the smallness of the whole stipend not £26 ℔ ann. and therefore not admitting a Division. They therefore pray a reunion with Bovedy, and that Mr Smith their present minr shall preach alternately at Bovedy & Killrea.

Reasons of Appeal

The minute of the Sub Synod of Derry relative to Bovedy & Killrea, appointing a Committee to sit at Bovedy, which Committee met; the minute of which was read containing the Dissent & Appeal of the people of Bovedy, against the Committee's decision. The reasons of appeal were produced 1st Because the members were not well chosen, but strangers to the affair; 2nd That Committee seemed to listen most to Killrea side, & not Bovedy; 3dly the Committee were determined by a List containing names of people of other Churches—4th That because they think that Mr Smith cannot be useful amongst them; 5th That it is unreasonable to confine them to the half of the Labours of a minister, as they are in a flourishing state.

Answers to the above reasons were also produced & considered, the Committee was also called upon to give light in this matter, & also

the Comm^{rs} from Killrea & Bovedy were heard at full length, and removed. The Synod after reasoning on the above it was moved and agreed to without a division.—That Mr Smith shall continue the stated min^{r} of Bovedy, and that he shall preach two Sabb^{ths}. During the winter in Bovedy & one in Killrea, & during the summer season, alternately, or day about in Bovedy & Killrea, and such as do not acquese in the above are at liberty to join any neighbouring Congregation; and Mr Smith is enjoined to preach at Bovedy next Lord's day, being the first day ensuing this Determination.

A Supplication from the Cong^{n} of Letterkenny was presented to this Synod, seting forth that as the Committee appointed at last G. Synod came to no resolution respecting the erection of Killmacrenan, they recur to this Synod, praying a disolution of the erection of Killmacrenan, as in its consequences great damage will insue to the Congregation of Letterkenny. Letterkenny

Same time a Supplication was presented from Killmacrenan Cong^{n}, earnestly praying for their preservation as a united Cong^{n} w^{t} Dunfanachy. Killmacrenan

A Letter from the Rev^{d} M^{r} McGaughey remonstrating against the erection of Killmacrennan & declaring that his Cong^{n} must be greatly hurt thereby: minutes of the Committee appointed to enquire into the affairs of Killmacrennan & Mr Allen were produced, & are as follow— M^{r} McGaughey

The Committee met at St Johnston the 1st Tuesday in Augt 1778 as appointed, and upon inquiry the people of Letterkenny Cong^{n} produced evidences to prove that a Relation has subsisted for many years, between the people of Killmacrennan & the Cong^{n} of Letterkenny & Fannet. The evidences in y^{t} matter appeared & the purport of them was, that the people of Killmacrennan were related to these Congregations since Mr Drummond's death. The people of Killmacrenan produced two affidavits, sworn before Mr John Finlay a magistrate, the substance of w^{c} is that the people of that place, were under the Ministry of Mr Drummond during his life. Minutes of ye Comittee at St Johnston

The parties being heard were desired to remove: and the Committee entered upon the consideration of this matter; and after reasoning, it appears to us that this is an affair of the utmost importance & delicacy, and as not a member from the Pby of Rout has appeared, & only Mr Osborn from the Pby Strabane, and therefore the weight of this critical affair must rest upon the shoulders of the members from Derry Pby—It was moved that a vote of this Committee be taken—Whether this matter be issued now, or refered to the next Sub Synod: The motion was seconded. Mr Osborn desires his protest may be entered against this motion. The question was then put. Issue it now or refer it, untill the next meeting of the Sub Synod. The Roll was called, and it carried by a great majority—refer it.

Session 2^{d}.—The Pby of Letterkenny were called upon to assign the reasons why they suspended Mr Allen. Mr Alexander read the minutes of the Pby relative to that matter. The parties were desired to remove, and the Committee entered upon the serious consideration of it and after reasoning, the question was put, whether the Pby, accord-

ing to the evidence that appeared before them, acted with propriety in suspending Mr Allen, and it was unanimously agreed that they acted with propriety. It was farther inquired whether the suspension shall now be taken off Mr Allen, and after reasoning, the Committee unanimously agree, that as Mr Allen did not submit to the censure of his Pby, he was guilty of Contumacy, and is therefore to be suspended *ab officio*, and the Modr is ordered to exhort him to be more cautious & circumspect for the future, and this minute is to be read in the Congregations of Drumfanaghy, Letterkenny, & Fañet. Mr Allen appeared, and was exhorted.

Synod's Resolution

The Synod having heared the parties at full length, the following motion was put, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, viz. that Messrs Lytle, Burk, and McGaughy shall preach alternately at Killmacrenan from ye 1st of October untill the 1st of April every second Sabbth, and that the inhabitants of that district shall belong to the congregations of Letterkenny, Ralphmilton & Fannet respectively as formerly, and possess their seats, pay stipend, & be admitted to church privileges, as usual.

Letterkenny

Adjourned till 7 o'clock afternoon. Interloqr at 5, ys Sessn concluded with prayer.

5th Sessn

5th Session Thursday at 7 o'clock afternoon, after prayer.

Killenker

A Supplication from the Congregn of Killenker was read seting forth that the Synod's recommendation to the several congregations, within the Bounds of the Genl Synod, to make collections for enabling that Congn to rebuild their meeting house, hath, except twenty one, been entirely neglected. They therefore pray that this Synod wou'd give such directions as shall make their former resolutions effectual. Ordered that the Injunctions of this Synod relative to the above matter be renewed, and that a particular member be now called & named, of every Pby, unto whom the care & enforcement of this Injunction shall be particularly committed; The members are as follow—

For Clogher Pby....	Mr Miller.	For Bangor Pby ..	Mr Stoupe.
Armagh.....	Mr Dickson.	Belfast	Mr Huey.
Killilea	Mr Neilson.	L.kenney	Mr Alexander.
Strabane	Mr Craford.	Rout.....	Mr Marshell.
Derry	Mr Young.	Ballymena ..	Mr Lyndsay.
T.patrick	Mr Bankhead.	Dublin	Mr Caldwell.
Dromore	Mr Maclure.	Monaghan ..	Mr Harris.
		Tyrone	Mr White.

Ordered that these collections be made as soon as possible & transmitted to Mr Campbell of Armagh by him to be handed over to the Congn of Killenker.

Ballykelly

A Supplication from the Congregn of Ballykelly was presented to this Synod seting forth, that through their Pby of Letterkenny they applyed for, and obtained a hearing, of the Revd Mr Rentall of the Pby

of Dromore, and at the same time they requested their Pby, that during Mr Rentall's time, The ordinance of the Lord's Supper might be administered among them, which last request they have been denied of, and that said Pby of Letterkenny have said they will cast them from under their care, which shou'd it be the case (tho' they wou'd be sorry to be from under their care) they request they may be annexed either to the Pby of Rout or Londonderry; and that Mr Rentall's time may be prolonged for some Lord's days; and that they may have the Lord's Supper administered among them by such assistants, as this Synod shall nominate during Mr Rentall's prolonged Time, and as far as the trial they have had of Mr Rentall, he seems to be generally acceptable to them, and they expect he will be the object of their choice. They request that a minister be appointed to go to Ballykelly, and see a call drawn up and subscribed to Mr Rentall.

The Synod in considering the contents of the above Supplication unanimously agree to grant the several prayers therein contained, viz. they order that the Congregn of Ballykelly be annexed to the Pby Rout—That Mr Rentall's Time shall be prolonged two Lord's days; and that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered the last of those days—Mr Simson & Mr Davis to assist, and that on the Monday after the Sacrament Mr Simson is appointed to preside in drawing up a Call for Mr Rentall.

It was moved, seconded, & agreed to, That it be enjoined on the Congn Ballykelly to conform strictly to the Synodical Regulations respecting the Polling of Congregns before the drawing up of a Call—which are that previous to the day that may be fixed for drawing up a Call a compleat authenticated List of all the just voters of the Congregn shall be deposited in the hands of their Pby. We therefore require that Ballykelly may be punctual as to this particular.

A Supplication from the minister & Congn of Kirkcobbin was preented & read in this Synod, praying that they may be taken under our care & considered as a Congregn belonging to this Body. Kirkcobbin Mr Brydon

The Synod after reasoning at large on the above petition, it was moved & seconded, that the previous question be put—consider it now, or defer it—The Roll called—and it carried defer it a great majority.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st *Interloqr*.

On reading the minute of the 2d Interloqr of the preceeding year relative to a motion concering the alienation of any part of the Capital of the widows fund, refered to the Constituents from last to this Synod, The Question was put—Rescind the resolution of the 27th June 1777 or not. The Roll was called, and it carried not. Interloqr 1st

2d *Interloqr* 1st *July*, 1779.

A Letter from Mr Lang, dated 26 ultim was recd informing this Interloqr of the failure of Messrs Isaac & Ricd Weld in London with Messrs Welds

one year's, viz. 1778 of our Ad^{l} R.D. in their hands, and proposing that the Synod shou'd concur with the other Creditors in signing an agreement that the Messrs Welds affairs may be vested in Trustees for the benefit of the creditors at large without the Trouble or delay of the statute of Bankruptcy.

This proposition was unanimously agreed to, and the Moderator is hereby directed to subscribe in our name, the above agreement.

Mr James Lang Treasurer

A 2^{d} Letter from Mr Lang of the 29th of ultim, was also rec^{d} by our Clerk, offering to our consideration the appointment of a Treasurer to receive our ad^{l} R:D. annually. This Synod do therefore appoint, Mr James Lang our Agent, to receive all the ad^{ll} R.D. in our behalf, and negotiate that whole matter for our Interest, as his good Judgment shall direct; and this Interloq^{r} request Mr Lang to present our Thanks to Mr Vaughan for his kind offices.

Trustee's Letter

A Letter from the Trustees of the widows fund was read, informing us of the increasing state of that fund; and also recommending to our choice Couns^{r} Andrew Caldwell as a successor to Doc^{r} McBride to be one of the Trustees of said fund.

Couns^{r} Caldwell Trustee.

The Interloq^{r} unanimously approve of the Recommendation, and appoint Messrs White and Alexander, to answer the Trustee's Letter and request Couns^{r} Caldwell's acceptance of ye Trust.

A motion concerning an xplanation.

A motion explanatory of the decision made yesterday relative to the Capital of the widows fund, yesterday proposed and seconded, in the following words, "That this resolution is not meant to extend to min^{rs} who leave this Kingdom to go to America, with a view to act in the ministerial character, when there, was, according to agreement, now renewed, and after reasoning, the question was put, consider now, or defer to next Synod. The Roll called, and it carried defer.

3^{d} Interloq^{r} Thursday, at 5 o'clock afternoon.

A Letter from Mr Baird was produced, praying of what he has contributed to the Capital of the widows fund, shou'd be refunded him, if any way consistent with our present rules and regulations relative to the widows fund.

Mr Baird

Ordered that a Letter be wrote to Mr Baird informing him, that the Prayer of his Petition, as the Regulations of the widows fund now stands is altogether inadmissable & the Clerk is ordered to write said Letter.

Answer to ye Trustees Letter

Messrs White & Alexander brought in the copy of a Letter to the Trustees which was considered & approved & signed by ye Mod^{r}.

The Clerk is ordered to answer Mr Lang's letters in ordinary, and direct him to be careful to make good the subscription to the widows fund as it becomes due, out of whatever money of ours may be in his hand.

4th Interloqr Thursday at 9 o'clock afternoon.

The Committee of overtures, took into consideration, the overture annexed to ye minutes of last year relative to marriage, and are unanimously of opinion that it be dismissed, & that the mode of marriage amongst us shall remain as before. Therefore the former overture was dismissed. Relating to Marriage.

A Mrs McAlister formerly the widow of the late Mr O'Brien, produced a Supplication to this Interloqr seting forth that she thought herself entitled to the whole share of the annuity arising from the widows' fund, after eight years,—for the resolution of this affair recourse was had to the original scheme, Article 4th, which fully sets forth, "that the child or children to be entitled to one moiety during the mother's life after 2d marriage. Therefore this Synod enjoins the Pby, to which Mr O'Brien belonged, to inquire into this matter & see justice done to the child of Mr O'Brien. Mrs McAlister

Representation having been made to this Interloqr, that there is ground to alledge that the marriage of the late Mr Nisbet with the woman he has now left as his widow, was collusive & made chiefly with a Lucrative view, That said widow might derive emolument from our fund. Mrs Nisbet

It was moved & seconded, that the woman who calls herself Mrs Nisbet, do give proper evidence to this Synod by her personal appearance at next meeting, confirmed by the Testimony of one credible evidence of her Marriage with the late Mr Nisbet, before she shall be recommended to receive any annuity of ye widows' fund. This unanimously confirmed & agreed to.

Inserted by

WILL. ROGERS, G.S.C.

Dunganon, 27th June, 1780.

Mr McClure Moderator of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from 1 Tim. 4 : 16. Then constituted by prayer, after which were present from the sevl Pbys as follow.—

Minrs.	Elders.
Killilea Pby.	
Alexander Macomb	
Wm. Steel Dickson	
Armagh Pby.	
Hen. Jackson	
Wm. Campbell	
Robt. Black	
Saml. Sloan	
Strabane Pby.	
Jos. Osborn	
Jos. Coulter	
Wm. Craford	
Derry Pby.	
Jno. Law	
Jno. Adams	
David Young	
T.patrick Pby.	
Wm. Rogers	
Thos. Read	
Wm. Montgomery	
Jno. Bankhead	
Dromore Pby.	
Robt. McClure	Jas. Henderson
Jas. Birch	Jas. McBride
Jno. Thompson	Jno. M'Burny
Frans. Turretine	
Jas. McPherson	Hen. Swanton
Bangor Pby.	
Jas. Hull	
Jas. Bryson	
Jas. Stoupe	
Andw. Graig	
Alexr. Gawdy	
Belfast Pby.	
Wm. Laird	
Andw. Greer	
Sinclare Killburn	

Minrs.	Elders.
Letterkenny Pby.	
Hu. Delap	
Jos. Lytle	
Robt. Caldwell	
David Allen	
Isaac Barr	
Rout Pby.	
Robt. Henry	
Wm. Knox	
Alexr. Marshall	
Robt. Rentall	
Jno. Glenday	
Ballymena Pby.	
Jas. Cumming	
Dublin Pby.	
No. Return	
Monaghan Pby.	
Saml. Kennedy	
Wm. Smith	
Wm. Spratt	
Wm. Moor	Saml. McCarter
Geo. Harris	Wm. Maxwell
Jno. Davis	
Mathew Trimble	Jno. Lecky
Tyrone Pby.	
Jas. Todd	
Jno. White	Jno. Greer
Wm. Kennedy	Jno. Kane
Jno. McClelland	
Jas. Whiteside	
Mos. Hogg	Wm. Wilson
Geo. Murray	
Jas. Whiteside Jun.	Jas. Hanna
Wm. Stitt	Jno. Robinson
Jas. Smith	
Clogher Pby.	
Hu. Mulligan	
Andw. Miller	
Wm. Miller	

Mr Maclure moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod, the following Brethren were named as a Leet—Messrs Steel Dickson, Adams, Bankhead, Birch, Stoupe, Lytle, Marshall, Smith, McClelland, Miller, and Osborn. The Roll called and Mr Osborn chosen; Mr Rogers continued Clk. Moderator chosen Clerk

Ordered that the several Pbys meet this evening & prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to morrow morning, of their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund and G. Synod's fixed Committee; also an acct of such ministers as have died, demitted, been ordained, Installed, or Candidates licensed or entered on Trials since last Genl Synod; likewise an acct of Annuitants upon the fund; and if any have died since last G. Synod, the time to be mentioned, also an account of women now living who have been minister's wives and are not upon the fund.

Ordered upon the Death of any Annuitant the Pby in whose bounds the Annuitant lived, do immediately inform Mr Lang that no mistake be made in the distribution of the annuities. Annuitants

Ordered that Mr Dickson being next in votes to the Moderator now chosen (except Mr McClelland who preached formerly, and Mr Stoupe who is to preach to morrow morning), be appointed to preach at next Genl Synod upon the second day of the Synod's meeting at nine o'clock forenoon. Mr Dickson

Adjourned until eleven o'clock forenoon. Ys Sessn concluded wt prayer.

2d Session Wednesday at Eleven o'clock forenoon after prayer, &c. 2d Session

Mr Stoupe as appointed preached at nine o'clock forenoon from Act. 10th 34. 35.

The several Pbys. gave in Lists of their members for the several Committees, as also the following accounts namely:—

Templepatrick Pby report that they have licensed Mr Hu. Gillmore according to Synodical regulations, they also report that Mr McAuly resigned the Pastoral charge of Islandmage Congregation the 22d day of July 1779, and Mr Blakely resigned the Pastoral charge of Carrickfergus Congregation the 2d day of Decemr 1779, both are suspended. They have on the fund Mrs Dunbar & Mrs White. Licensed Suspended

Belfast Pby have licensed Mr Wm McKee & Mr Trotter according to Synodical Regulations. They have ordained Mr Sinclare Killburn to the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Belfast the 8th Feberuary 1780, they both subscribed the Westminister Confession of faith; and Mr Killburn subscribed the widows fund. Licensed Ordained

Derry Pby have deposed Mr Stephen Brizell the 1st Febry 1780, they have on trials Messrs. Thos Gray & Robt Barr. The widows with them the same as in last year.

Dead
Trials

Clogher Pby report that Mr Scott died the 2d January last, he was a contributor to the fund, he left a widow; They have on trials Mr John Johnston; on the fund Mrs Scott; not on the fund Mrs Hemphill.

Ordd
Licensed

Strabane Pby ordained Mr Robt Clark 21st October last, he was a subscriber to the fund; They licensed Mr Jas Ker according to Synodical regulations. They have on trials Messrs. Brooks & Rogers. On the fund Mrs Armstrong.

Dead
Licensed

Tyrone Pby report that Mr John Gibson died the 28th Sepr last, he left no family; that Mr Chas Caldwell died the 28th March 1780 he left a widow and family: they licensed Mr James Sinclare according to Synodical Regulations. They have on the fund Mrs Peebles, Mrs Orr, Mrs Duffen, Mrs Ker, Mrs Caldwell.—Not on the fund Mrs Rea,

Monaghan Pby say they have the same Annuitants as in last year.

Ordd
Installed

Rout Pby have ordained Mr Hu. Moor ye 26 Sepr 1779, they have installed Mr Rentall the 3d October last, they ordained Mr Elder the 13th June inst., they are subscribers to the Confession of faith according to the pacific act, and they are all subscribers to the widows fund: they have on Trials Messrs. Patten & Douglass.—The widows on the fund are Mrs Lynd, Mrs Gaston, Mrs Thomson, Mrs Symlie.

Ordd

Letterkenny Pby have ordained Mr Isaac Barr 19th April last, & Mr Leech 1st June inst., both subscribers to the widows fund, they have on 1st Trials Messrs. Wm Moor, Hu. Morrison, & Jas Delap, they report that Mr Callender died the 16th May last, he left no family, their widows the same as last year.

Dead

Ordd

Bangor Pby have ordained Mr Wm Bruce ye 4th November last, and Alexr Gaudy 14th March 1780, both subscribers to the widows fund. Mr Stoupe resigned the pastoral charge of Dunmurry in May 1780, he relinquished all pretence to the R.D., & Mr Jas. Malcom who demitted the charge of Drumbo some years ago is not entitled to R.D. The widows with them are Mrs Warnick, Mrs Mitchell.

Demitted

Licensed
Trials

Dromore Pby have licensed Messrs. Sloan & Thomson according to Synodical regulations, both subscribed the Confession of faith. They have entered on trials Mr McKee, they report that Mr Cochran died the 8th Sepr 1779, he left no family, they say their widows the same as in last year.

Armagh Pby have ordained Mr Collin Lyndsay at Dundalk ye 16th of August last, they Installed Mr Boyl Moodie ye 11th of Do., at Newry, and ordained Mr Saml Sloan ye 18th June inst., Messrs. Lyndsay & Sloan are subscribers to the widows fund. The widows with them are Mrs Cheery, Mrs Menagh, Mrs Moodie,—not on the fund Mrs Stewart.

Dead
Installed

Killilea Pby report that Mr Armstrong died on the 23rd 8ber last, left a widow & family. Mr Steel Dickson resigned the charge of Ballyhalbert the 1st Febry, and was installed at Portaferry the 14th March 1780. The widows with them are Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Armstrong.

From Dublin Pby no return.

Ballymena Pby have on the fund, Mrs Hill, Mrs McCurdy, Mrs O'Brien, Mrs Cochran, Mrs Brown, not on the fund, Mrs McCreight.

It appeared by the preceeding returns, that some Pbys have not been punctual in making returns of those they have ordained, likewise of widows within their Bounds; but have only said widows the same as in last year. This Synod orders that no return hereafter, shall be admissable without a full list of those that have been ordained: the time of their ordination & if they be subscribers to the fund or not, also of all the annuitants belonging to them. No returns to be admissable without a full list

The members of the Synod's fixed Committee are as follow:— Synod's Comittee

For Templepatrick Pby Messrs Lewson & Montgomery wt an Elder.

Bangor Pby Messrs Hull & Bryson wt an Elder.

Derry Pby Messrs Law & Young wt an Elder.

Clogher Pby Messrs Boyl & Moorhead wt an Elder.

Strabane Pby Messrs Young & Neilson wt an Elder.

Tyrone Pby Messrs White & Stitt wt an Elder.

Monaghan Pby Messrs Smith & Trimble wt an Elder.

Rout Pby Messrs Rentall & Know [x] wt an Elder.

Letterkenny Pby Messrs Alexander & Love wt an Elder.

Dromore Pby Messrs McClure & Birch wt an Elder.

Killilea Pby Messrs Neilson & Litle wt an Elder.

Ballymena Pby Messrs Cuming & Lyndsay wt an Elder.

Dublin no return.

These with our Moderator & Clerk are to meet at Dunganon, when called by the Moderator on any emergency, 15 to be a quorum, whereof 12 at least are to be ministers.

The Committee appointed to meet at Islandmagee, report that they met accordingly, and after examing into the complaints of that congregation for three days, Mr McAuly resigned the pastoral charge of that people, that the Committee defered giving sentence upon Mr McAuly for six weeks; after which period, having again convened, they suspended Mr McAuly, *sine die* from the pastoral office. Islandmagee

This Synod approve of the conduct of the Committee.

On reading the minute relative to the affairs of Ushers Quay, Mr Campbell was called on and reports that he attended according to appointment of the Synod, that he had repeated meetings of the heads of the Congn, in all which they discovered a most becoming desire of restoring peace & harmony. When a call was proposed in favour of Mr Killburn, then it was objected to by his friends, as a letter has been read by a member of that congregation, in which, he declared [declined] Ushers Quay

in the most explicit manner, any farther views of being a Candidate; in consequence of this candid proceeding of Mr Killburn; they unanimously resolved to ask a hearing of the Revd Mr Wilson of Tyrone Pby. The Synod highly approve of the conduct of Mr Campbell on this occasion, and return him their warmest thanks for the diligence & punctuality with which he executed their Commission. It gives the Synod great pleasure to learn from Mr Campbell's report, that the people of Ushers Quay, seem to be actuated by so becoming a spirit of Christian forebearance & moderation.

Mr Wilson

Adjourned till seven o'clock afternoon, Interloqr at 5. Concluded &c.

3d Sessn

3d Session Wednesday at 7 o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c.

Next Synod

It was moved that the Time and place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now:—Antrim and Dungan, were proposed, and it carried Dunganon; This Synod therefore is to meet at Dunganon the last Tuesday in June, 1781. Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

Killenker

The members of the several Pbys, to whom the care of the collection in favour of the meeting house of Killenker was committed, were called upon and it appeared by their account, that very little had been effected, only Mr Jas Birch gave Mr Spratt £0 : 11 : 4½, for Dramara, and Mr Bankhead a moyaty for Broadisland; Mr Campbell being appointed to receive from the sevl Pbys, had received only £1 : 6 : from Maghrafelt, and from Mr Dickson £0 : 11 : 4½ for Portafory. This matter to be reconsidered at next Session.

Daughter of Mr Ambrose

A memorial of Lilias Keating, otherwise Ambrose, the Daughter of the Rev. Mr Ambrose, was presented to this Synod, setting forth her poverty & distress, and praying relief from this Synod; several members spoke in behalf of memorialist, representing her case, as both necessitous and afflictive: It was moved and seconded with amendment, that memorialists condition be recommended to the care & protection of the Pby of Monaghan; and in the meantime that the members here present shall make such charitable contributions, as they at present think fit.

Mr Brydone

A petition from the Revd. Geo: Brydone of Kirkcubbin was read praying that he and the people of Kirkcubbin may be put under the care of this Synod: At the same time a petition was presented from the people of Kirkcubbin, praying that they and their minister, may be put under the care and protection of this Synod.

The Synod after mature deliberation & much reasoning upon the above petitions resolved: that the question be put, grant the petitions of Mr Brydone and Kirkcubbin or not? The Roll called, & it carried not by a great majority.

Committee of Overtures

Upon a motion it was ordered, that the Committee of Overtures, meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock, Interloqr at 9. Open Synod at 11. This Session concluded with prayer.

4th Session Thursday at 11 o'clock, forenoon, after prayer, &c.

It was moved by Mr Young, and agreed to that Castleblainy shall no longer have localities within the Bounds of Derry Pby, but that said Pby shall every year make collections, for the four following congregations—Banagh, Donagh, Malin, & Movil. The amount of wc collections, shall be divided in such proportion, as they shall think fit to these congregations. Derry Pby

A supplication from the congregation of Morne was presented to this Synod, praying that merely on account of convenience, and not from any other cause, they may be dis-añexed from the Pby of Bangor, and be put under the care of the Pby of Dromore; this supplication was granted. Morne

A petition from the people and Congn of Killmacrannan & Dunfanachy, was presented to this Synod, that they may have relief from various difficulties they labour under, arising from the claims of the congregations of Letterkenny & Fanet, over them; at the same time, a Letter from the Rev. Mr Magaghy of Fanet was read, purporting that his congregation will be materially hurt by the erection of Killmacranan and that Mr Allen will be reduced to order. Kilmacranan

The Synod having considered the above supplication & letter & heard the parties at full length, and being removed came to the following resolution, namely, to put the question—Confirm the union of Killmacran & Dunfanaghy or not? provided yt according to their own proposal, namely, that such hearers of the now neighbouring congregations of Letterkenny and Fanet, as formerly paid stipend to their respective ministers, which they usualy heard, shall make good that stipend to those ministers, during their residence. The Roll was called & it carried confirm the union upon the above petition, by a great majority. Union of Killmacranan&Dunfanaghy

The Rout Pby by a paper signed by their Moderator, request that Mr Todd may have no Localities among them, but that their yearly collections for the Synod's fund may be alloted to several weak congns within their own bounds. The question was put, Continue Mr Todd on the Rout Pby or not? The Roll called, & it carried continue. Rout Pby

The affair of Mr Spratt's meeting house, for defraying the expenses of which, the Synod in former years, had enjoined collections to be made in the sevl congregations within their Bounds, was farther considered, and this Synod most warmly recommended to those congregations, who have not made collections, for that purpose, to use their Best endeavours, that something may be collected and forewarded speedily to Mr Campbell, and sent to Mr Spratt; and of this affair an account will be expected at next Synod. Killeneker

Mr Caldwell of Donegall proposed that in case the Gentleman who has the call from Sligo under his consideration, does not accept the same, that he might in favour of that remote Congn be empowered to write for such ministers to supply that congregation as they may require—This granted. Mr Calldwell

The Moderator concluded this Synod with prayer.

Interloq^{r} 1*st*

Mr Lang's Letter

A letter from Mr Lang was read wherein he complains of the want of punctuality in making returns of the ordination, demission, or death of ministers, and whether they were subscribers to the widows fund, also the Death of Annuitants.

Ordered that the several Pbys shall be punctual in making returns, and in case any have been defective, the Clerk of the Synod is to write to them to have that defect supplied.

A Motion

Divide ye produce of the fund

A motion was made & seconded, that out of the produce of the widows fund, one hundred pounds shall be added to the capital, and that the whole of the remainder of the produce of the fund, shall be equally divided among the Annuitants, when the conditions of the subscription shall be fullfilled.

After reasoning on the above motion, it was moved & agreed to, that the fund shall stand directly what it is for one ensuing year.

Refunded

On reading the minute of last year relative to the motion of desiring the explanation of a preceeding resolution, which explanation designs to refund to such ministers as leave this Kingdom to go to America, what they have paid into the widows fund. It was agreed to, that the consideration of this affair be defered until next meeting of the G. Synod.

Mrs Nisbet

The Interloqr taking under consideration the affair of the late Mr Nisbets pretended marriage, from all information that came before them, find that the pretended marriage, was marked with the most evident signatures of fraud & collusion, The question was then put: shall the woman now calling herself Mrs Nisbet, be admitted as an Annuitant of the widows fund, or not? The Roll called and it carried not.

Interloqr 2*d*

Inquiry was made at this Interloqr whether or no, ministers that have demitted (not through age or infirmity) are entitled to R.D., but are still willing to pay the annual subscription to the widows fund shall be, upon the event of Death, & leave widows or children, be entitled to the benefit of the fund; and it was agreed to in the affirmative, provided such ministers shall continue in Great Britain or Ireland, and providing the constituents are annually furnished. with the agents rect of the payment of such subscriptions in Dublin.

Mr Malcom

Upon a scrutiny of the List of ministers to the R.D. Inquiry was made concerning Mr Malcom's title to that Bounty, after reasoning, the question was put, Is Mr Malcom entitled to the R.D. or not? The Roll called and it carried not.

Matw Boyd

A supplication was presented to this Interloqr by Mathw Boyd Exr, of the late Revd Mr Boyd of Taghboyne, complaining that Mr Lang refused to pay the annuity of the children of Mr Boyd, as he has made a will Bequathing that annuity to Grandchildren.

Ordered that Mr Lang be instructed to transmit all the annuity to the children of the late Mr Boyd, to Mr Andw Alexander of the Pby of Letterkenny, by him, with the assistance of that Pby to be equally distributed among sd children agreable to a former resolution. Children of Annuitants

The Trustees Letter to the constituents of the widows fund was read informing us of Conr Caldwell's acceptance of the office of Trustee for said fund, and as Docr Machonchy and Mr Read are lately deceased, recommending to our consideration Messrs Geo. Machonchy, Willm McCullogh, and Thos Petticrew, as Trustees to that fund. Trustees Letter

Ordered that Messrs Campbell & Craford answer the Trustees Letter and inform them, that we approve their nomination of Messrs Geo. Machonchy, Wm McCullogh, & Thos Petticrew, as Trustees of the widows fund, and Intreat them to accept said Trust.

Ordered that Mr Lang be instructed by our Clerk to remit to the Revd Mr Wm Stitt of Dunganon, all the stoppages remaining now, in his hands, to be paid at next G. Synod to the sevl Claimants. Mr Stitt

Inserted by

WILL. ROGERS, G.S.C.

July 14th, 1780.

A Synod at Dunganon, 26th June, 1781.

Mr Osborn Moderator of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Joh : 18 : 37, then constituted by prayer, after which were present from the Sevl Presbyteries as follow—

Minrs.	Elders.
Armagh Pby	
Hen. Jackson	
Wm. Campbell	
Saml. Livingstone	
Saml. Sloan	Wm. Simson
Strabane Pby.	
Jos. Osborn	
Derry Pby.	
Saml. Patten	
Jno. Law	
T.patrick Pby.	
Wm. Rogers	
Thos. Read	
Wm. Montgomery	
Jno. Bankhead	
Dromore Pby.	
Wm. Henry	
Robt. McClure	Jas. Henderson
Jas. Birch	Saml. Livingstone
Jno. Thomson	Geo. Smith
Jos. Hay	
Jno. Sherard	
Wm. McGee	
Bangor Pby.	
James Hull	
Jas. Cochran	
Jas. Bryson	
Jas. Stoupe	
Docr. Stephenson	
Andw. Craig	
Belfast Pby.	
Wm. Laird	
Andw. Greer	
Thos. Kennedy	
Sinclare Killburn	

Minrs.	Elders.
Letterkenny Pby.	
Thos. Lech	
Ballymena Pby.	
Jas. Cuming	David Ker
Coleraine Pby.	
Robt. Henry	
Wm. Knox.	
Robt. Caldwell	
Monaghan Pby.	
Wm. Smith	
Wm. Sprate	
Wm. Moore	
Geo. Harris	Geo. Vogan
Jno. Davis	
Mr. Trimble	
Robt. Montgomery	
Tyrone Pby.	
James Todd	
Jno. White	Jno. Waters
Wm. Kennedy	Wm. Haliday
Jno. McClelland	Jno. Vance
Jas. Whiteside	
Mos. Hogg	
Wm. Wilson	
Geo. Murray	
Jas. Whiteside, Jun.	
Wm. Stitt	Robt. Spratell
Jos. Smith	
Clogher Pby.	
Hu. Mulligan	Mr. McMeans
Wm. Moorhead	
Andw. Miller	
Jas. Ker.	
Killilea Pby.	
Mos. Neilson	
Docr. Jos : Litle	
Wm. Steel Dickson	

Mr Osborn moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following Brethren were named as a Leet, Messrs Steel Dickson, Read, Law, Stoupe, Birch, Moorhead, & M'Clelland. The Roll called & Mr McClelland chosen, Mr Rogers continued Clerk. Modr chosen Clerk

Ordered that the sevl Pbys meet this evening and prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning, of their members for the sevl Committees of overtures, Bills, Books, fund, & G. Synod's fixed Comittee, as also an acct of such ministers as have died, demitted, been ordained, installed, of candidates licensed, or entered on trials since last G. Synod, likewise an acct of annuitants upon the fund and if any have died since last G. Synod the time to be mentioned, also an acct of women now living who have been ministers wives, and are not upon the fund. Pbys to meet

Ordered that Mr Dickson preach to this Synod to-morrow morning at nine o'clock, as formerly appointed. Mr Dickson

Ordered that Mr Read being next in votes to the Modr now chosen be appointed to preach at next G. Synod upon the second day of the Synod's meeting, at nine o'clock forenoon. Mr Read

Adjourned till eleven o'clock forenoon, this session concluded wt prayer.

2d Sessn Wednesday, at eleven o'clock forenoon, after prayer &c. 2d Sessn

Mr Dickson as appointed preached at nine o'clock from Jo : 18 : 36. Mr Dickson

The sevl Pbys gave in Lists of their members for the sevl Committees, as also the following accts namely :—

Killilea Pby report they have entered on trials Mr Jas Paterson. They also report that Mr Strong died the 10th Augt, 1780, he left a widow and children. They have on the fund Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Strong. Trials Dead

Armagh Pby have licensed Mr Denham according to synodical regulations. They have on the fund Mrs Cherrie, Mrs Menagh, Mrs Moody ; not on the fund Mrs Stewart, Mrs Carlile. Licensed

Strabane Pby report that Mr Welsh died the 15 May, 1781, he left a widow and children. They have on the fund Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Welsh. Dead

Derry Pby have on trials Messrs Bar & Gray, widows with them are Mrs Lile, Mrs Cochran, Mrs Strabridge, Mrs Hare, Mrs Walker, Mrs Hood.

T.patrick Pby have on the fund Mrs Dunbar, Mrs White.

Dromore Pby have on trials Messrs Robt Thomson & Jas Henderson. They ordained Mr Wm M'Gee 12th Septr, 1780, he subscribed the W : M : Confession of faith and the widows fund. They have on the fund Mrs Semple, Mrs Gordon, Mrs Sims, Mrs Richey, Mrs White, famy Mr Mulligan. Trials Ordd

Installed

Bangor Pby have licensed Mr McSkelly according to Synodical regulations, they have on the fund Mrs Warnick, Mrs Mitchel, not on the fund Mrs Moore.

Demitted

Belfast Pby report that Mr McKee Demitted the Pastoral charge of Drumbo Congn ye 12 June Inst. They have on the fund Mrs Malcom, famy Mr Walker.

Dead

Letterkenny Pby report that Mr Wilson died the 12th Janry last, he left a widow only. They have licensed Messrs Moore & Delap. No return of their widows.

Dead
Dead

Coleraine Pby report that Mr David Smylie died the 1st Augt 1780; he left children only. Mr Elder died the 18th May last; he left a widow & children. They also report that Mr Moore was removed from Bushmills to Usher's Quay, Dublin; & they report yt Mr Jas Elder was ordained 13th June, 1780; not known whether he is a subscriber to fund. They likewise report that Mr Caldwell resigned his Congn thro' bodily indisposition & has an annuity from his Congn. They have on the fund Mrs Gaston, Mrs Thomson, Mrs Smylie, Mrs Elder, famy Mr Smylie.

Ballymena Pby have on trials Mr David Ker. They have on the fund Mrs O'Brien, Mrs Hill, Mrs Cochran, Mrs Brown.

Licensed
Ordd
Installed
Dead
Demitted

Monaghan Pby have licensed Mr Andw Rogers according to Synodical Rules. They have ordd Mr Robt Montgomery the 5th June last; he is a subscriber to the widows fund. They have installed Mr Miller at Killishandra, the 7th May last. They report that Mr Kennedy died the 7th May last; he left a child only. Mr Carson demitted thro' bodily infirmity in Augt last Mr Jackson also demitted in May last thro' bodily indisposition. Mr Mathewson resigned the pastoral charge of his Congn the 3d of 8ber, 1780. They have on the fund Mrs Algoe, Mrs Bond, Mrs Warnick, Mrs McKee, famy Mr Keñedy.

Tyrone Pby have on the fund Mrs Peebles, Mrs Duffin, Mrs Caldwell, Mrs Orr, Mrs Ker; not on the fund Mrs Rea.

Licensed
Ordd
Dead

Clogher Pby have on trials Mr Jos: King. They have licensed Mr Wm Johnston. They have ordained Mr Ker the 13th Febry, 1781; he subscribed the widows fund. They report that Mr Boyl died ye 25th 8ber; he was a subscriber to the widows fund & left children. Widows with them are Mrs Scott, famy Mr Boyl; not on the fund Mrs Hemphill.

Dublin Pby have Installed Mr Hu: Moore the 19th Decemr, 1780. Widows with them are Mrs Patten, Mrs McBath, Mrs Vance, famy Mr Killburn.

Fixed Committee

The members of the Synod's fixed Committee are as follow:—

For Killilea Pby Messrs Litle & Neilson with an Elder.
Armagh Pby Messrs Campbell & Livingstone wt an Elder.
Strabane Pby Messrs Osborn & Craford wt an Elder.
Derry Pby Messrs Law & Young with an Elder.
T.patrick Pby Messrs Lewson & Montgomery wt an Elder.

For Dromore Pby Messrs Patrick & Smith with an Elder.
Bangor Pby Messrs Bryson & Bruce with an Elder.
Belfast Pby Messrs Huey & Laird with an Elder.
L.kenny none returned.
Coleraine Pby Messrs Rentall & Knox with an Elder.
Ballymena Pby Messrs Cumming & Lyndsay with an Elder.
Monaghan Pby Messrs Smith & Trimble with an Elder.
Tyrone Pby Messrs White & Stitt with an Elder.
Clogher Pby Messrs Mulligan & Millar w^{t} an Elder.
Dublin none returned.

These with our Mod^{r} & Clerk to meet at Dunganon when called by ye Mod^{r}, on any emergency, 15 to be a quorum, whereof 12 at least to be ministers.

On Reading the returns made by the Pby Armagh, it was enquired whether or, no, the candidates for the ministry they have returned, as licensed, were required to subscribe the W.M. Confession of faith, which being answered by a member of that Pby in the negative, it was moved & seconded y^{t} the Synod shall now determine, whether the Rule of this Synod requiring subscrip^{n} to that Confession shall be continued or set aside? whereupon the previous question was moved & seconded shall this question be now put or defered? The Roll called, & it carried defer, by a very great majority. Subscription to ye Conf^{n} or not

The Sev^{l} Committees are enjoined to meet immediately.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock afternoon, Interloq^{r} at 5, y^{s} Sess^{n} concluded w^{t} prayer.

3^{d} Session Wednesday, at 8 o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c. 3^{d} Sess^{n}

It was moved that the Time & place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now, & it was agreed to meet at Lurgan, the last Tuesday in June, 1782, Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon. Next Synod

A supplication from part of the Cong^{n} of Dromore was presented to this Synod, seting forth that they the supplicants consider themselves as greatly agrieved by another part of that Cong^{n}, by giving a call to the Rev. Mr Arnold, and mention various Instances against the conduct & proceedings of Mr Arnold. They also set forth that the majority, hath been unfairly obtained by the offerers of said call. Dromore

At same time a supplication from part of the Session & part of said Cong^{n} was presented seting forth, that having given a call to the Rev. Mr Arnold, they complain that his trials for ordination are not forwarded & praying y^{t} his ordination as their minister may be speedily forwarded & the grievances of that Cong^{n} healed.

Reasons of appeal from the proceedings of Messrs Patrick & Barbar in taking the Poll of the Cong^{n} of Dromore, & also answers to these reasons, from the other part of that Cong^{n} were also read which are *in* Reasons of Appeal

Minutes Pby Dromore

retentis. Minutes of the Pby of Dromore upon their transmitting of the call of the part of the Congregation of Dromore to the Pby of Belfast, containing their Investigation of certain facts alledged against Mr Arnold & subjoining their opinion, "that the giving said call to Mr Arnold wou'd affect the peace of the Congn of Dromore. Reasons of appeal from the proceedings of the Pby of Belfast, in recommending the call from Dromore Congn to Mr Arnold were read, & answers also to said reasons were read—all which are *in retentis.* Minutes of the Sub Synod of Belfast refering the whole above matters to ye determination of this Synod were also produced.

Reasons of Appeal of Pby Belfast

Minutes of ye Sub Synod

The sev[l] parties from Dromore Congn being heard & enquired at whether they had any more to add, & ordered to withdraw.

The Synod having reasoned on the preceeding affairs at large, it moved and agreed to, that Messrs White, Hull, Wilson, Montgomery, Bankhead, & Thomson, shou'd retire to the Session house & there converse with Mr Arnold, and report the result of that conversation to ye Synod at next Sedt.

Adjourned 'till ten o'clock to morrow morning, Interloqr at seven. This Sessn concluded with prayer.

4th Sessn.

4th Session Thursday at ten o'clock forenoon, after prayer &c.

Mr White in the name of the Pby of Tyrone, requested the advice of this Synod, respecting a difficulty they are under in regard to the widow of the late Revd Mr Ker, & the Congn of Minterburn, and her claim of arrear stipend due by that Congn.

Mrs Ker & Minterburn

It is the opinion of this Synod that the Pby Tyrone cannot proceed to the setlement of that Congn, untill Justice be done Mrs Ker & her demands satisfied from the last setlement, untill the decease of the late Mr Ker. And this Synod order this minute to be read in the Congn of Minterburn, accompanied with a warm recommendation to that people to see speedy Justice done to Mrs Ker; and this Synod appoint Messrs Campbell, Mulligan, Harris, Moorhead, & Miller, as a Committee to meet at Minterburn the 2d Tuesday in Augt next, to setle the affairs in that Congn as to them shall seem best; and this Synod authorise said Committee to call Messrs Kennedy, Stitt, & Smith, of the Pby of Tyrone to attend said Committee, to give information in that affair.

The Committee appointed last night to converse with Mr Arnold, report that having an Interview with him, Refered Mr Arnold himself to the Synod, who being called upon, requested that this Synod may be pleased to appoint a Committee for the clearing of his character, & declare his purpose of paying the strictest submission to the determination of that Committee, both with regard to his Character, & the whole affair relating to ye Congn of Dromore.

It was moved & seconded, that this Synod shou'd rescind the whole proceedings relating to the Call from the Congregation of Dromore.

The question was put, Rescind or not? The Roll called, & it carried—Rescind—only with one dissenting voice. It was agreed that the parties from Dromore congregation shall be exhorted from the Chair, and brotherly love recommended to them.

This Synod then proceeded to name a Committee for the consideration of Mr Arnold's character, and the following Brethren were appointed:—Messrs Rankin & Christy from Ballymena Pby; from Killilea Pby, Messrs Neilson & Docr Litle; from T.patrick Pby, Messrs Montgomery & Bankhead; from Belfast Pby, Messrs Huey, Patten, & Killburn; from Dromore Pby, Messrs Thomson, Neilson, & Barbar, who are to meet and sit at Belfast with their Elders, the last Tuesday in July next, five ministers and two elders to be a quorum, where all parties concerned are ordered to attend, & shou'd Mr Arnold's opponents chuse to exhibit a Libel against him, they are to adhere to the Rules of Discipline, in furnishing him with a copy ten clear days before the day of Trial, and also the names of the wittnesses they mean to produce in support of the charge. Mr Bankhead is appointed to preach on opening the Committee, and to have a copy of this minute, and the Clerk of the Synod is ordered to furnish the parties with a copy of said minute, which is to be read to the Congregn of Dromore next Lord's day. Mr Arnold

The appointment respecting Mr Sprate's meeting-house was now revised, and the sevl members who have not yet made collections for that purpose are enjoined to do it speedily, and transmit said collections to Mr Campbell, by him to be forwarded to Mr Sprate. Mr Sprate's Meeting House

The Moderator concluded this Synod with prayer.

Interloqr 1st

On reading the last year's order for the Clerk to write to such Pbys as have neglected to make returns of ministers ordd, Deceased, or demitted, who are or were contributors to the widows fund, and also of the annuitants upon ye fund, It appeared that Sevl Pbys who have neglected to make such returns, are still negligent. This Interloqr therefore in the strictest manner renew their injunction & direct the Clerk to demand of every Pby that they be punctual in furnishing without loss of Time, with a full account of all ministers who have been ordd, or deceased, or demitted, within their Bounds, and also the number of widows they now have entitled to the fund, & if any have deceased, the time to be mentioned. To make returns

The Trustees Letter to the constituents of the widows fund was read informing us of Mr Petigrew's acceptance of the office of a Trustee of that fund, of Mr M'Culloghs declining that Trust, on account of his intended removal to the country, at the same time recommending to the Constituents the nomination of Mr Alexr Kirkpatrick, Robt Alexander, Esqr, and Aldern Henry Bevan as Trustees to the widows fund. It was also moved & agreed to by the Interloqr, that the Right honourable Frederick Earl of Bristol & Lord Bishop of Derry & Chas Trustee's Letter

King Esqr shall be nominated Trustees of the widows fund in conjunction with the above named Gentlemen, and Intreated to accept that Trust.

Ans^{r} Messrs Mulligan & Killburn, are ordered to ans^{r} the Trustees Letter.

It was moved & seconded that the ann^{s} of the widows on the fund shall be increased to £13 ℔ ann., from the 1st of July next, after reasoning, it was proposed, shall the annuities be at £12 or £13 ℔ ann., the Roll called & it carried at £13.

2^{d} Interloq^{r}

2^{d} *Interloq^{r}.*

Upon refunding On reading the Minute of last year respecting the refunding the Contributors of the widows' fund all that they may have paid into that fund, provided they shall remove to America in order to exercise the ministerial office when there, This matter to stand over till next year.

Mrs Nisbet On reading the Minute relating to Mrs Nisbet, a petition from Mrs Mary Nisbet with an attested certificate of her marriage annexed, praying y^{t} she may be paid her annuity.

The Interloq^{r} considering the above affair & Impropriety of her claim, agree to take no notice of her petition.

Mr Caldwell A memorial of the Rev. Mr Caldwell was produced to this Interloq^{r} seting forth, That thro' bodily Indisposition, and on no other acc^{t} he was necessitated to demit the Pastoral charge of his Cong^{n} Praying that he may be continued to receive the Royal Bounty.

The Interloq^{r} having a Retrospect to former Rules of the G. Synod respecting the demission of ministers thro' age & bodily infirmity, when it appeared that Mr Caldwell comes under the discription of them who demit thro' age & Infirmity, and therefore he is allowed to enjoy the R.D.

Mr Malcom It was proposed, and agreed to that Mr Malcom, notwithstanding the resolution of last year, shall be continued to have a Divid^{d} of the R : D : his case coming under the Rule aforesaid.

Inserted by

WILL. ROGERS, G.S.C.

Augt 24th

A Genl Synod at Lurgan, 25th June, 1782.

M^r McClelland Mod^r of the former Synod opened this by preaching from Ep : Jud : 3 : v : then constituted by prayer, after which were present from the Sev^l Pbys as follow—

Minrs.	Elders.
Strabane Pby.	
Jos. Osborn	
Wm. Craford	
Derry Pby.	
None	
T.patrick Pby.	
Wm. Rogers	
Thos. Read	
Wm. Montgomery	
Jno. Bankhead	Roger Kerely
Jno. Abernethy	
Andw. Hume	Jno. Swan
Dromore Pby.	
Wm. Henry	
Isaac Patrick	Jno. Mulligan
Robt. McClure	Mr. Henderson
Saml. Barbar	Wm. Scott
Jas. Birch	Jno. Sprot
Jno. Thomson	Geo. White
Docr. Litle	
Jno. Sherard	Chas. Orr
Frans. Turetine	Gordon McMurray
Wm. McGee	Docr. Law
Bangor Pby.	
Jas. Hull	Nathl. Shaw
Jas. Stoupe	
Andw. Craig	
Alexr. Gawdy	
Robt. Jackson	
Belfast Pby.	
Jas. Huey	Jas. Chambers
Wm. Laird	Jno. Henderson
Thos. Birch	Jas. Robertson
Thos. Kennedy	Jno. Morrow
Sinclare Killburn	
L.kenny Pby.	
Andw. Alexander	
Dublin Pby.	
Ben. McDowell	

Minrs.	Elders.
Coleraine Pby.	
Robt. Henry	
Wm. Knox	
Alexr. Marshall	
Robt. Thomson	
Jas. Elder	
Ballymena Pby.	
Jno. Rankin	
Jas. Cuming	
Jno. Lyndsay	
Robt. Christy	
Monaghan Pby.	
Matw. Trimble	
Tyrone Pby.	
Jas. Todd	
Wm. Kennedy	Danl. McNish
Jno. McClelland	Gabl. Eaken
Jas. Whitside	
Mos. Hogg	
Wm. Wilson	Thos. Dunken
Geo Murray	
Jas. Whiteside Jun.	Jas. Walker
Wm. Stitt	
Wm. Moore	Thos. Kennedy
Clogher Pby.	
Jos. Denham	
Wm. Johnston	
Killilea Pby.	
Alexr. Macomb	
Mos. Neilson	
Robt. Porter	Ougheltry Law
Jas. Sinclare	
Armagh Pby.	
Hen. Jackson	Geo. Mulhollan
Wm. Campbell	
Saml. Livingston	Robt. McNeilly
Robt. Black	
Colin Lyndsay	
Saml. Sloan	

Mod^r Chosen

M^r M'Clelland moved that another be chosen to moderate in this [Synod]. The following Brethren were named as a Leet—Messrs Craford, James Birch, Stoupe, Henry, Lyndsay, Wilson, Livingstone, & Read; the Roll called & Mr Read chosen. Mr Rogers continued Clerk.

Clerk

Ordered that the Sev^l Pbys meet this evening & prepare Lists to be given to the clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning of their members for the several Committees of overtures, Bills, Books, fund, & Genl Synod's fixed Committee, also an account of such min^rs as have died, been ordained, of candidates licensed or entered on trials since last G. Synod, also an account of annuitants on the fund & if any have died since last Synod the time to be mentioned; Likewise an acc^t of women that have been min^rs wives and are not on the fund.

Mr Read

Ordered that Mr Read preach to this Synod to-morrow at nine o'clock forenoon as formerly appointed.

Mr Wilson

Ordered that Mr Wilson being next in votes to the Mod^r now chosen be appointed to preach at next Genl Synod, upon the second day of the next Synod's meeting at nine o'clock forenoon.

Adjourned till eleven o'clock forenoon, ye Session concluded w^t prayer.

2^d Sess^n

2^d Session Wednesday, at eleven o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.

Mr Read

Mr Read, as appointed, preached to this Synod at nine o'clock forenoon from Tit: 2: 7 ver.

The sev^l Pbys gave in Lists of their members for the sev^l Committees as also the following acct^s namely:—

Strabane Pby report that they have on the fund Mrs Armstrong Mrs Welsh.

From Derry Pby no return.

T.patrick Pby have on the fund Mrs Dunbar Mrs White.

Trials Licensed

Dromore Pby have on trials M^r McClelland, They have licensed Messrs Savage, Henderson, & Fletcher, according to Synodical Regulations, & they subscribed the W.M. Confession of faith, they report that Mr And^w Kennedy died the 9th of 8ber, 1781, he left children only, Mr Neilson died the 8th of May, 1782, he left a widow and children. They have on the fund Mrs White, Mrs Sims, Mrs Semple, Mrs Richey, Mrs Neilson, fam^y Mr Mulligan, fam^y Mr Kennedy—Mrs Gordon died 28th May, 1782.

Dead
Dead

Trials Ord^d

Bangor Pby have on trials Messrs Murdoch & Shaw, they have ord^d Mr Robt Jackson the 11th April, 1782, he subscribed the widows' fund. They report Mr Bruce was removed from Lisburn to Dublin in May last. On the fund Mrs Warnick Mrs Mitchell.

Licensed

Belfast Pby have licensed Mr Geo. McKewen, he subscribed the W. M. Confession of Faith. They have on the fund Mrs Malcom, family of Mr Walker, to the 20th of January 1782.

Rout Pby have on trials Mr Hen. Elder, they have Licensed Messrs Hill, Patton, and Douglass, according to Synodical regulations, they subscribed the Confession of Faith. They have on the fund Mrs Gaston, Mrs Smylie, Mrs Elder, Mrs Thomson, famy Mr David Smylie.

Ballymena Pby have on trials Mr Thos Cuming, they Licensed Mr David Ker according to order. They report that Mr Jas White died the 30th of 8ber last, he left no family.—They have on the fund Mrs O'Brien, Mrs Hill, Mrs Brown. Mrs Cochran died the 12th Augt 1781, —not on ye fund Mrs McCreight. Licensed

Dublin Pby have on the fund Mrs Patten, Mrs McBath, Mrs Vance, famy Mr Killburn.

Monaghan Pby report that Mr Carson died the 10th Jany 1782, left a widow & children,—on the fund Mrs Algeo, Mrs Bond, Mrs Warnick, Mrs Carson, famy Mr Kennedy. Dead

Tyrone Pby have on trials Mr Jas Walker, they ordd Mr Moore 14th May 1782, they both subscribed the Confession of Faith. Mr Moore subscribed the widows fund—the widows with them are Mrs Peebles, Mrs Orr, Mrs Duffin, Mrs Ker, Mrs Caldwell. Trials Ordd.

Clogher Pby have on trials Mr Dickson, they have licensed Mr King, according to Synodical Rules, they ordained Mr Johnston ye 4th of Decmr 1781. & Mr Denham the 11th of Do., both subscribed the widows fund—on the fund Mrs Scott, famy Mr Boyl. Licensed Ordd.

Killilea Pby have on trials Mr Hu. Dickson, they have Licensed Messrs Patterson & Fulton, according to Synodical Regulations—they ordained Mr Jas Sinclare the 3d of 8ber 1781, he subscribed the widows fund—on the fund Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Strong.

Armagh Pby report that Mr Ferguson died the 6th June Inst., he left a widow & family—they have on the fund Mrs Cherry, Mrs Moody, Mrs Menagh, Mrs Ferguson, not on ye fund Mrs Stewart, Mrs Carlile. Dead

They report from the Pby of Antrim, that Mr Simson died in 9ber last, he was not a subscriber to the widows fund, Mr Dobbin died the 16th of this Inst., he left children only—the widows & families in that Pby are Mrs McClean, Mrs Drenan, Mrs Niven, famy Mr Elder, famy of Mr Colvil, famy Mr Dobbin.

The Synod's fixed Committee are the same as in the year past, who are to meet at Dunganon when called by the Modr on any emergency, 15 to be a quorum, 12 at least are to be minrs. Fixed Comtee

Inquiry having been made, how in the Returns from some Pbys, some who have been licensed & ordd since last G. Synod, are represented as having subscribed the W. M. Confession of faith, while others are returned as no mention is made of their subscribing the Confession of faith—moved that the question be put—whether such Pbys have only, omitted to return the subscription of such candidates or ordd minrs, or intentionally neglected the Synod's Rule concerning subscripn It was moved & agreed to—defer the above question, that it may be brought on in order on reading the Minutes of last year. Subscription of the Confessn of faith

Ordered to proceed to read the minutes, and the Clerk having gone on so far, as the paragraph concerning the Synodical Rule, respecting the subscrip^{n} of the W. M. Confession of faith—It was moved & seconded that the question be now put—Whether the Rule of this Synod relating to the subscrip^{n} of the W. M. Confession of faith shall be repealed or not? after long reasoning on this subject, it was moved and agreed to, that the decision of this question shall not now be made, but defered till to-morrow at nine o'clock forenoon, & then the subject shall be taken under consideration.

Adjourned till 5 o'clock afternoon, y^{s} Sess^{n} concluded w^{t} prayer.

3^{d} Sess^{n}

3^{d} Session Wednesday, at 5 o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c.

Mr Arnold

Ordered that the minutes of last G. Synod be proceeded in & read, and on reading the minute respecting the Com^{ee} appointed to meet at Belfast, to Inquire into the character of Mr Arnold, it appeared the minutes of that Committee were produced, wherein it is set forth, that the Libeller against Mr Arnold had not particularised the time when the words complained of against him shou'd have been uttered, The Committee therefore judged they cou'd proceed no farther in that matter

The Synod agreed to approve of the Conduct of the Com^{ee} at Belfast.

Minterburn

Mr Campbell reported from the Committee at Minterburn, that the widow of the late Mr Ker, and the representatives of that Cong^{n} had condescended to compromise their differences.

Killenker

On reading the minute respecting the collection for Mr Sprate's meeting-house—This Synod resolved to continue the appointment & to order the sev^{l} ministers to transmit their Collections to Mr Campbell as formerly ordered.

Drumbo

A supplication was presented to this Synod from the Cong^{n} of Drumbo, setting forth y^{t} as the G. Synod had desolved the relation between them and their former Pastor Mr Malcom on account of his then bad state of health, but as he is now recovered, they pray this Synod y^{t} he may be restored to the office of their stated min^{r}.

At same time another supplication from Drumbo was read, praying that they may have a minister of their own choice, according to the Rules of the G. Synod, under the care of the Pby of Belfast, and that a min^{r} may not be fixed among them, merely by rescinding the Synod's act of Dissolving the former union between them & Mr Malcom. It was moved and agreed to, that Messrs McClure, Doc^{r} Litle, & Birch, from the Pby of Dromore, and Mr Abernethy from the Pby of T.patrick shall be a Committee—three to be a quorum, to go to Drumbo, and take the minds of that people, w^{t} respect to Mr Malcom's becoming their min^{r}, & if upon scrutiny they find a Synodical majority for Mr Malcom's Restoration to his office among them, the Committee is immediately to restore him—But if the Cong^{n} desire

A Committee

Installment, the Committee is to Install him upon the spot, Doc^{r} Litle is to preach—The Committee is to meet the 11th July next, and the Congregation is ordered against that day to have an accurate List of their members to be put into ye hands of the Committee—Mr Patten is to preach at Drumbo next Lord's Day, and to publish this minute—Mr Malcom to supply Mr Patten's congregation, & he is to preach in Drumbo the following Lord's day,—Parties being called in and the above minute read—the Comm^{rs} on both sides requested a Conference with some members of the Synod, to take their advice towards setling the arrears due by the Congreg^{n}. Ordered that the Mod^{r} shall announce from the Chair to the Com^{rs}, that no one shall be qualified to vote, who hath not paid his stipend down to the first of May last.

Adjourned till tomorrow forenoon at 9 o'clock, concluded w^{t} prayer.

4th Session Thursday at 9 o'clock forenoon, after prayer &c.

The affair of subscrip^{n} defered to this session being resumed—this motion was made—if no one moves for a repeal of the Rule respecting subscrip^{n}, then the Rule remains in its full force—and as no one moved for its repeal, the Rule continued. Subscrip^{n} C. Faith

A supplication from the Congreg^{n} of Moira, setting forth y^{t} upon the setlement of their present Min^{r}, the Pby of Bangor had engaged to assist them in the support of their Min^{r}, but that Pby had failed in the fullfillment of their engagement. Moira

This Synod warmly recommended it to the several Congregations of Bangor Pby, to make good their promise to the Congreg^{n} of Moira, with respect to the Time past, & to be liberal in assisting that Congreg^{n} in time to come, for the support of a Gospel Minister; and it is enjoined that the Clerk of the Pby of Bangor, shall make out copies of this minute, and shall transmit them to the sev^{l} Ministers of that Pby, that it may be read to their respective Congregations.

A supplication from the Congregation of Ballynahinch was presented to this Synod, requesting that, for several reasons therein set forth, they may be disannexed from the Pby of Killilea. Ballynahinch

At the same time appeared a supplication from another part of said Congregation, complaining of the Conduct of the supporters of the preceeding part in that Congregation, & requesting that they may be continued under the Care of the Killilea Pby.

Ordered that a Committee shall be appointed, and the following members are hereby appointed, viz., Messrs Henry, McClure, Birch, from the Pby of Dromore, Messrs Hull, Bryson, & Craig, from Bangor Pby. Three to be a quorum, to meet at Ballynahinch on Tuesday the 9th day of July next, and there to enquire into the minds of that Congreg^{n}, and if a Synodical majority appear to desire to be disannexed from Killilea Pby & join to the Pby of Belfast, the Committee have power to disannex them & join them to any Pby they chuse within the Bounds of this Synod,—Mr Henry to preach at that Committee. A Comittee

And it is farther ordered, that no member of the Congregation of Ballynahinch shall be allowed to vote on this occasion, who is not clear of stipend at May last, and that the Committee shall be furnished with an authentic List of the Congregation.

Ordered also that the Collectors of the Congregation, be hereby directed to pay to the representatives of the late Mr Strong, immediately all the stipend in their hands (except what is due the Probationers) and Mr Matw Rea is enjoined to make good a promise he made of securing said representatives, for all remaining claims of stipend, & it is expected the Probationers will be paid before the meeting of the Committee.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock, Interloqr at 5. Ys Session concluded wt prayer.

5th Sessn

5th Session, Thursday, at 7 o'clock afternoon, after prayer &c.

On reading the minute relative to Ballynahinch, it was resolved that the Treasurers of that Congregation shall out of the money in their hands immediately pay the Probationers, & also that security shall be given to the representatives of the late Mr Strong, for the payment of the arrear stipend due him. This Synod at the same time appoint Messrs Henderson & Semple to supply the Congn of Ballynahinch the two Lord's days preceeding the Committees meeting.

Dromore

A supplication from the Congregn of Dromore was presented to this Synod, complaining of Injustice in the Pby of Dromore, in not granting their several supplications, for the hearing of Mr Arnold, & refusing themselves to a remonstrance, & that they might be joined to some other Pby. It was moved & seconded, that the Conduct of the Pby of Dromore, be approved with regard to their Conduct, towards the Congregation of Dromore, and the Conduct of that Pby, is hereby, in the fullest manner approved by this Synod.

After much reasoning on the affair of Dromore Congregation, this Synod resolved that a Committee consisting of the following members, viz: Messrs Neilson, Patten, Craig & Killburn, three to be a quorum, Mr Killburn is to preach, shall meet at Dromore the last Wednesday in Augt next, to take the minds of that Congregn, & if a Synodical majority of said Congregn shall desire to be disannexed, the Committee are enjoined to disannex them from the Pby of Dromore, & to join them to any Pby they shall ask, and no member of that Congregation is to vote unless he is clear of stipend at 9ber last—the Congregn are enjoined to furnish Mr Black with an authentic List of such persons who are entitled to vote, ten clear days before the Committee's meeting, this Synod appoint Mr Thos Birch to preach to that Congregation, the last Sabbth of this month, Mr Fletcher to Mr Birches Congregation, Mr Henderson to preach in Dromore ye 1st & 2nd [Sabbaths] in July, Mr McKewen the 3d & 4th of Do. Mr Fletcher the 1st & 2d of Augt, Mr McKewen ye 3d & 4th of Do.

A supplication from the Cong^{n} of Carrickfergus was presented to this Synod, by Mr Jno Moore & Danl McKay supplicating that this Synod wou'd be pleased to appoint Mr Jno Savage a probationer under the care of the Revd Pby of Dromore, to supply that Congregation the month of July next. This supplication was granted. Carrickfergus

A supplication was read praying for Synodical aid, in erecting a Meeting house at Richhill. Richhill

Ordered that it be warmly recommended to the sev^{l} Pbys seriously to attend to this matter, & this Synod think it highly worthy of the notice & aid of all friends of the dissenting Interest.

It was moved & agreed to, that the Pby of Belfast make Collections annually for the support of Venecash Congregation, & the Pby of Rout are enjoined to raise contributions annually for the support of a Gospel min^{r} at Armoy, Venecash Armoy

Whereas a paragraph in an advertisment, purporting to be the production of the Pby of Killelea, was published in the Belfast *News-Letter* of the 17th of May last, in which mention is made of Imputed Sin as a blasphemous Doctrine, which appears to this Synod as highly imprudent & offensive—It is the sense of this Synod, that our Mod^{r} do express our disapprobation of said Paragraph, and in the most earnest manner, caution all our members against all such improper publications in future. Imputed Sin

This Synod however think proper to add, that they have not the most distant Idea of Condemning the generous principles of Civil & Religious liberty expressed in said Publication.

Doc^{r} Litle a member of the Pby of Killilea, requested that this Synod wou'd disannex him from that Pby, & that he may be annexed to the Pby of Dromore—This request was unanimously granted. Doc^{r} Litle

It was moved and agreed to, that next Genl Synod shall be at Lurgan the last Tuesday in June 1783, sermon to begin five o'clock afternoon.

The Committee of overtures brought in the following overtures, which were read & approved & are as follow :—

1st That his Majesty be addressed by this Synod, upon the present occasion.

2nd That an address be presented by this Synod to the Lord Lieutenant.

3rd That Colonel Stewart be thanked by this Body, for his exertions in procuring a Law for declaring the marriages of Protestant Dissenting ministers valid to all intents & purposes, & for removing doubts on that head.

Resolved that the following members be appointed, & accordingly are hereby appointed to draw up the different addresses, Viz: Messrs McDowell, Campbell, Rankin, Huey, Murray, Bankhead, Wilson, Black, Henry, & Livingstone,—These Brethren after having withdrawn

sometime, returned with an address to the King, & also an address to the Lord Lieutenant, which were read and unanimously approved of, and inserted in our Jurnals & are as follow:—

Address to the King

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS & ELDERS OF THE PROVINCE OF ULSTER, ASSEMBLED IN GENL. SYNOD AT LURGAN THE 26TH OF JUNE 1782.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN.

We, your Majesty's dutiful and Loyal subjects, the Presbyterian Min^{rs} & Elders of the Province of Ulster, in your Majesty's Kingdom of Ireland, assembled in Genl Synod, beg leave to approach your Royal Person, with the most cordial & unfeigned sentiments of affection, Loyalty, & respect.

We assure your Majesty that no part of your Dominions, contain men more attached to those principles, which seated your Majesty & your Illustrious family on the Throne of these Kingdoms, than the Protestant dissenters of the North of Ireland—educated in the principles of Liberty & a veneration for the Laws, we trust that as we have hitherto, so we shall be ever found the foremost in the support of the one, & obedience to the other.

We behold, with veneration & gladness, the late change in your Majesty's Counsels.—We revere the magnanimity & goodness of your Royal heart, in addopting those maxims of Goverment which have for their object, the liberty & happiness of mankind—we rejoice in the pleasing prospect now opened of having the sword sheathed, & that Brother will no more rise up against Brother.

As Irishmen, we particularly rejoice in the Justice & Liberality of your Majesty's Intentions towards this Kingdom.

We return your Majesty our most warm & grateful thanks, for having placed over us a chief Governour, whose hereditary principles deserve confidence—whose uniform support of the Liberty of the people commands esteem—our Hearts beat high at the name of Portland—The popular Governour of the people of Ireland—We trust that in his administration, the desire of your Majesty (whose first wish [is] to promote the happiness of all your subjects) will be perfected, that every species of persecution for Religious opinions, will be done away, when every equally good subject, will be equally cherished & protected by the state.

May the King of Kings, who weigheth the nations in a Ballance, direct the heart of your Majesty & superintend your Counsels—May he grant victory to your fleets & armies over the antient enemies of freedom and these Kingdoms—That the blessing of Peace may again be established, & Christian unity & Love succeed to discord, enmity, & War is our most ardent wish, & constant prayer.

Done at Lurgan the 26th June 1782, & signed by our order.

THOS. READ, Mod^{r}.

TO HIS GRACE, WM. HENRY CAVENDISH BENTICK, DUKE OF PORTLAND, LORD LIEUTENANT GENL & GENL. GOVERNOUR OF IRELAND.

Address to the Lord Lieutenant

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS & ELDERS OF THE PROVINCE OF ULSTER.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE.

We, His Majesty's dutiful & Loyal subjects, the Presbyterian Min^rs & Elders of the Province of Ulster, assembled at our annual Genl Synod, beg leave to approach your Grace, with our congratulations on your appointment to the government of this Kingdom. With peculiar pleasure we have seen at this eventful period a nobleman of the Illustrious house of Bentick appointed to that high dignity, for even the great abilities that distinguish your Grace's character, are not so sure a pledge of the wisdom and justice of your administration, as your Inheriting that uniform attachment to the true principles of the Constitution, that has been so conspicuous in your Illustrious family—and for that reason Protestant dissenters flatter themselves with a peculiar Interest in your Grace's protection—for it is with peculiar satisfaction we can reflect that the Presbyterians of Ireland, have ever been, in all revolutions, most Loyal to the Crown, & Invincibly steady in support of the Constitution.

We also beg leave, with all becoming respect, to represent to your Grace, that the setlement of our forefathers in this country was by encouragement from the Crown, that it was deemed essential to support the Protestant Interest here, & necessary to the establishment of peace, public tranquility & order, and that this, under the divine providence, was a happy means of checking the frequent commotions that formerly distracted this Kingdom, and at length of rendering it amiable to the Laws.

And it has been our constant study hitherto, so we shall perserve, notwithstanding the peculiar difficulties we still continue to labour under, to Inculcate on that numerous body of people under our care, those principles of virtue & Religion, Reverence & submission to the Laws, Loyalty to his Majesty & Zeal for our happy Constitution, which tend to make them good subjects & useful members of society.

Done at Lurgan the 26th June 1782, & signed by our order.

THOS. READ, Mod^r.

It was proposed & agreed to, that Messrs McDowell, Caldwell, & Moore shall be appointed, & accordingly are hereby appointed to present our address to the Lord Lieutenant, by him to be transmitted to his Majesty, & at the same time, they shall present the address to his Grace the Duke of Portland—These addresses to be published in the Dublin *Evening Post*, & Belfast *News-Letter*.

To deliver our Addresses

It was moved and agreed to, that a Committee consisting of the Pby of Tyrone & Mr Wm Craford, shall wait on Colonel Stewart, with

the following address, & that it, with Mr Stewarts answer, shall be published twice in the Dublin *Evening Post*— Belfast *News-Letter*, & *Strabane Journal*, at the expence of this Synod .—

Colonel Stewart

To James Stewart Esqr., one of the Representatives in Parliamt. for the County Tyrone.

Sir.

We, the Presbyterian Ministers & Elders of the Province of Ulster, embrace this first opportunity of our annual meeting in Gen[l] Synod, to express our grateful sense of your kind services in our behalf, and that of our people, respecting the marriage Bill—to those of the Lords by whom it was supported, & to the house of Commons we acknowledge ourselves much indebted—To you Sir, with whom it was originated, whose exertions in favour of it, were warm, strenuous, and preserving, until it passed into a Law, we are under very particular obligations. We beg leave to return you our most sincere thanks, and to assure you, that we have peculiar pleasure, in being indebted on the present occasion, to a Gentleman not more distinguished for his private virtues, than by his upright & uniform attachment to the rights of his country.

This Law by removing every doubt concerning the validity of our marriages is of great importance to us—We trust we may with the confidence of Integrity appeal to the world, that Presbyterian Minrs have always been attentive to the Rules of order, & decency, & to the peace, & Interest of families & society, in all such transactions, as the Ministers of any denomination whasoever.

Permit us to say, and we feel it with a conscious pride, that our loyalty to the King, & steady regards to the rights of the Constitution, have ever been, and we trust, ever will be, consonant to the privileges we enjoy, as Christians—as freemen & Protestant Dissenters.

Done at Lurgan 26th June 1782, & signed by our order.

THOS. READ, Modr.

Mr Brydone

A proposition was made, that the Pby of Belfast shall be enabled & authorised by this Synod to receive Mr Brydone as a member, in order that he may be accepted as belonging to this Body—& liberty to join any Pby he pleaseth—The consideration of that matter was posponed till next Gen' Synod.

The Modr concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st *Interloqr*.

Refund from widows fund

On reading the minute of the Interloqr of last year, respecting the refunding of money paid into the widows fund, to such Minrs as mean to go to America, in order to their exercising the ministeral office when there—The consideration of that affair was gone into, and after reasoning for some time on the subject, it was moved & agreed to, that it shou'd stand over till next year.

2d *Interloqr.*

Whereas the Dublin annual papers have been missent, there is reason to apprehend they are in the Post office of Dunganon—ordered that Mr Stitt be directed to search that office without loss of Time, & if such papers & letters are found there, to transmit them to the Clerk of the Synod, upon the rect of which he is to convey them to the Moderator, who is hereby directed, with all convenient speed, to call a Committee of the following members, viz., Messrs Laird, Bryson, Killburn, Thomson & Bankhead, to meet at Belfast to consider these papers & form a minute, that the Clerk may be enabled to fill up the Synod's minutes, to be transmitted in due form to the sevl Pbys.

The Committee appointed by the G. Synod to consider the Dublin papers, which had been misdirected, met at Belfast the 1st July 1782, these papers were laid before them, which contained a Letter of the 22 ultim. from the trustees of the widows fund, giving an acct of the state of that fund, which, as it is in a very prosperous way, is highly agreable to the constituents—"That Messrs Bevan, Alexander, & Kirkpatrick, had been pleased to become Trustees of that fund—"That the legacy of Docr Maconchy had not yet been pd, but it is expected it soon will.

The Committee answered this letter, & ordered it & a Copy of the answer to be inserted in the widows fund Book.

Letter of ye Trustees & to Mr Lang

A Letter of the same date from Lang to our Clerk was produced, also Lists of the subscriptions, & of the annuities & annuitants of the widows fund specified—Likewise an acct of the Divid of the R.D.

It was observed that the great trouble in negotiating the Business of ye widows fund, induced Mr Lang to charge Comn according to the original scheme, at the rate of 2½ ℘ ct., tho' he had transacted that business above thirty years, & had never charged anything for his trouble, but thinks it expedient to do it now, as the fund can very well bear it.

Mr Lang intimated that the southern association mean to make a compliment to Mr Vaghan, the Gentleman in London, who negotiates the Business of the R. D. there, and have bespoke for him a suite of Table Linen with his arms, and it is expected the Northern Minrs will join in this. The Committee did not take upon them to determine anything respecting that part of Mr Langs Letter.

Letter to Mr Lang

A 2d Letter from Mr Lang of the 25 ultm was also produced, wherein he mentions that Mr Chas King our good friend, in conjunction with other Gentlemen, who he hopes will give him their assistance, mean to try whether an address to the house of Commons—to his Majesty, may not be procured for an addn to the present Royal bounty on this Establishment to the nonconforming Ministers.

The Committee agreed to answer Mr Lang's Letter as followeth:—

Sir,

You will please inform Mr King that yr Letter did not reach our Modr in time to be laid before the G. Synod. As that Body knew

nothing of that interesting business, when they had appointed us a Committee to examine y^{r} papers, and to write to the Trustees of ye widows fund, we do not think ourselves authorised to instruct you what ans^{r} you shou'd give to our generous friend.

For ourselves, we beg that you will assure Mr King that we are penetrated w^{t} the most lively sentiments of gratitude to him, for his truely benevolent view, and that his kind intentions cou'd not be laid before ye G. Synod, we beg to refer the whole matter to his wisdom & goodness of heart, we have no doubt ye G. Synod will take ye first opportunity, of returning their most unfeigned acknowledgements to Mr King for his most generous plan, & to you for ye obliging manner of communicating it.

Signed by order of the Committee.

THOS. READ, Mod^{r}.

P.S.—Should Mr King introduce the matter this Sess^{n}, Mr Lang will please to inform Messrs Laird & Bryson.

Inserted by

W. ROGERS, G.S.C.

A Genl Synod at Lurgan, 24th June 1783.

Mr Read Modr of the former Synod opened this by preaching from Jno. 8 : 12 : then constituted by prayer, after which were present from the sevl Pbys as follow:—

Minrs.	Elders.
Armagh Pby.	
Henry Jackson	
Wm. Campbell	
Saml. Livingstone	
Robt. Black	
Colin Lyndsay	
Strabane Pby.	
Jos. Osborn	
Wm Craford	
Derry Pby.	
None	
T.patrick Pby.	
Wm. Rogers	
Thos. Read	
Jno. Bankhead	Wm. Curry
Jno. Abernethy	Mr. Lyle
Jno. Gibson	
David Ker	
Jno. Savage	
Dromore Do.	
Wm. Henry	Mr. Thos. Henry
Jno. Smith	
Isaac Patrick	
Robt. McClure	Jas. Henderson
Saml. Barbar	Wm. Scott
Jas. Birch	Jno. Herron
Jno. Thomson	Jno. Boyd
Docr. Litle	David Duff
Jos. Hays	
Jno. Sherard	Chas. Orr
Frans. Turretine	
Wm. McPherson	Jas. Kells
Wm. McGee	
Wm. Fletcher.	
Bangor Pby.	
Wm. Rowan	
Jas. Hull	Nathl. Shaw
Jas. Cochran	Mr. Hu. Dickson
Jas. Caldwell	Jas. Warnick
Andw. Craig	Jno. Dobbin
Alexr. Gawdy	
Robt. Jackson	
Robt. Trotter	

Minrs.	Elders.
Belfast Pby.	
Thos. Birch	
Geo. McKewen	
Letterkenny Do.	
Andw. Alexander	
Coleraine Do.	
Alexr. Marshall	
Saml. Hamilton	
Robt. Thomson	
Ballymena Do.	
Jno. Rankin	
Jas. Cumming	
Dublin Pby.	
None	
Monaghan Pby.	
Wm. Smith	
Geo. Harris	Robt. Crookshanks
Jno. Davis	
Mat. Trimble	
Robt. Montgomery	Robt. Elliot
Jno. Arnold	
Tyrone Do.	
Jas. Todd	
Jno. White	
Wm. Kennedy	Alexr. McKever
Jno. McClelland	
Mos. Hogg	
Wm. Wilson	
Wm. Stitt	
Robt. Rogers	
Clogher Do.	
Jno. Denham	
Killilea Do.	
Alexr. McComb	
Robt. Smith	
Wm. Steel Dickson	
Jas. Patterson	

Mod^r chosen

Mr Read moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following Brethren were named as a leet—Messrs Sherard, Caldwell, Marshall, Cumming, Harris, Steel Dickson, & Wilson, the Roll called & Mr Wilson was chosen. Mr Rogers continued Clerk.

Clerk

Ordered that the several Pbys meet this evening, & prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to morrow morning, of their members for the sev^l Committees of overtures, Bills, Books, fund & G. Synod's fixed Committee; also an account of such ministers as have died, been ordained, Installed, of Candidates Licensed, or entered on Trials since last G. Synod; likewise an account of annuitants on the widows fund, and if any have died since last Synod, the Time to be mentioned, also of women who have been ministers wives, & are not on the fund.

Mr Wilson

Ordered that Mr Wilson preach to this Synod to morrow morning at 9 o'clock as formerly appointed.

Mr Sherard

Ordered that Mr Sherard being next in votes to the Mod^r now chosen, be appointed to preach upon the second day of next meeting of the Genl Synod at 9 o'clock forenoon. This Sess^n concluded with prayer.

2^d Session

2^d Session Wednesday, at Eleven o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.

Mr Wilson as appointed preached to this Synod, at 9 o'clock forenoon from Heb. 6 : 18.

The several Pbys gave in Lists of their members for the sev^l Com^ttees as also the following accounts namely:—

Armagh Pby have on the fund Mrs Menagh, Mrs Cherry, Mrs Moody, Mrs Ferguson; not on the fund Mrs Stewart, Mrs Carlile.

Dead

Strabane Pby report that Mr Torbet died the 14th of y^s Inst., he left a widow & children. They have on the fund Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Welsh, Mrs Torbet.

No return from Derry Pby.

Dead
Ord^d

Templepatrick Pby report that Mr Craford died the 15th July last; He left a widow & children. They have ordained Mr Jno Gibson the 18th Feb^ry last, Mr Ker the 4th March, & Mr Savage the 6th of Do. last, all subsc^d the widows fund—They have on the fund Mrs Dunbar, Mrs White, & Mrs Craford.

Ord^d

Dromore Pby ord^d Mr Fletcher 3^d Inst. he subs^d the W. M. Confession of faith & widows fund—They have on trials Mr Waddell, they have licensed M^r McClelland according [to] Synod Regulations, he subscribed the W. M. Confession of faith. They have on the fund Mrs White, Mrs Simms, Mrs Semple, Mrs Richey, Mrs Neilson, Mrs Kennedy, fam^y Mr Mulligan.

Licensed

Licensed
Ord^d
Installed

Bangor Pby have Licensed Messrs Murdock & Shaw according to Synodical Regulations. They ord^d Mr Trotter 23 Inst., he subscribed the widows fund, they Installed Mr Craig at Lisburn, they have on the fund Mrs Warnick Mrs Mitchell.

Belfast Pby report that Mr Kinkead died the 20th July last, he left a widow & children. They ordained Mr McKewen 11th March last, he subscribed the W. M. Confession of faith & widows fund, they have on the fund Mrs Malcom, Mrs Kinkead. Dead Ordd

L.kenny Pby ordd Mr Jas Delap 14th 9ber last, he subscribed the widows fund. They report that Mr McGaghey died in April last, he left a widow & children. The widows with them are Mrs Turretine, famy Mr Ferlie, Mrs Wilson, Mrs McGaghey. Ordd Dead

Coleraine Pby licensed Mr Elder according to Synodical Regulations, he subscribed the W. M. Confession of Faith. They ordd Mr McFarland the 1st of Augt last, & Mr Douglass the 1st of Febry last, both subscribed the W. M. Confession of Faith & widows fund. Widows with them are Mrs Gaston, Mrs Smylie, Mrs Thomson, Mrs Elder, famy Mr David Smylie. Licensed Ordd

Ballymena Pby licensed Mr Thos Cumming according to Synodical Regulations. They have on the fund Mrs O'Brien, Mrs Hill, Mrs Brown. Not on the fund Mrs McCreight. Licensed

Dublin Pby report that Mr Caldwell died the 24th May last, he left a widow & children. They have on the fund Mrs Vance, Mrs Patten, Mrs McBath, Mrs Caldwell, famy Mr Killburn. Dead

Monaghan Pby ordd Mr Arnold 18th Decemr last, he subscribed the W. M. Confession of faith & widows fund. Widows with them are Mrs Algio, Mrs Bond, Mrs Warnick, famy Mr Kennedy, Do. Mr Carson; Mrs Carson died 20th 9ber last. Ordd

Tyrone Pby licensed Mr Jno Walker according to Synodical Regulations, he subscribed the Confession of faith. They ordd Mr Robt Rogers, the 12th 9ber last, he subscribed the Confession of faith & widows fund. They have on the fund Mrs Hood, Mrs Orr, Mrs Duffin, Mrs Ker, Mrs Caldwell; Mrs Ker died 10th Inst.

Clogher Pby licensed Messrs Stewart & Marshall according to Synodical Regulations. They have on the fund Mrs Scott, famy Mr Boyl.

Killilea Pby licensed Messrs Wheir, & Warnick according to Synodical Regulations,, they ordd Mr Patterson 22d 8ber last, he subscribed the widows fund, they have on the fund Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Strong.

Antrim Pby have on the fund Mrs Drenan, famy Docr Colvil, famy Mr Elder, Do. Mr Dobbin, Mrs Niven. Mrs McClean died the 24th Febry 1783.

The Synod's fixed Committee as follow.— Synod's Committee

For Armagh Pby Messrs Jackson, Campbell, Livingstone & Black wt an Elder.

Strabane Do. Messrs Osborn, Craford & Coulter wt an Elder.

Derry Do. Messrs Law & Young wt an Elder.

T.patrick Do. Messrs Rogers, Read, Montgomery, Bankhead wt an Elder.

Dromore Do. Messrs Henry, Barbar, Smith & Doc^{r} Litle w^{t} an Elder.

Bangor Do. Messrs Hull, Bryson & Craig w^{t} an Elder.

Belfast Do. Messrs Huey, Malcom & Killburn w^{t} an Elder.

L^{r}.Kenny Do. Messrs Alexander & Burk w^{t} an Elder.

Coleraine Do. Messrs Simson & Marshall w^{t} an Elder.

B.mena Pby Messrs Rankin, Douglas, Lyndsay & Cumming w^{t} an Elder.

Dublin Do. Messrs McDowell & Moore w^{t} an Elder.

Monaghan Do. Messrs Harris, Davis, Trimble & Moore w^{t} an Elder.

Tyrone Do. Messrs White, Murry, Stitt, McCelland w^{t} an Elder.

Clogher Do. Messrs Mulligan & Miller w^{t} an Elder.

Killilea Do. Messrs McComb, Dickson & Neilson w^{t} an Elder.

Antrim Do. Messrs Crombie & Bryson & an Elder.

These with our Mod^{r} & Clerk are to meet in Dungan, when called by our Mod^{r} on any emergency, 15 to be a quorum whereof 12 at least are to be Min^{rs}.

Last year's minutes

Ordered that the last year's minutes be read.

Mr Sprate's meeting house

On reading the minute respecting the Collections for Mr Sprate's meeting house, Mr Campbell, gave information, that no money had been conveyed to him for that purpose. It was proposed & agreed to, that all such Min^{rs} now present as have not collected, shall now advance into the hands of Mr Harris, such a sum as they can suppose their respective Congreg^{ns}, might refund them and Mr Harris is to report to-morrow afternoon the amount he receives.

Drumbo

The Committee appointed to meet at Drumbo report that they found a full unanimity in that Cong^{n} for the Installment of Mr Malcom, upon which they proceeded to Install him, and Mr Malcom was considered as a member of the Pby of Belfast. This Synod approved the Conduct of ye Com^{ttee}.

Subscrip^{n} to ye Confess^{n} of Faith

On reading the minute of last G. Synod respecting the Rule concerning subscrip^{n} to the W.minister Confession of faith, viz:—" If no one moved for a repeal of the Rule respecting subscrip^{n} then the Rule remains in full force, no one moved for its Repeal, the Rule continued. It was therefore unanimously agreed by this Synod, that the words "full force, should be erased, and the words "as usual should be inserted in their place.

Ballynahinch

The Committee appointed to Ballynahinch Report that, at their meeting the probationers were p^{d} off, satisfaction made to the Heirs of the late Mr Strong, and the Cong^{n} Joined to the Pby of Dromore. This Synod approved the Conduct of the Committee.

On the affairs of the Cong^{n} of Dromore, Mr Black informed this Synod y^{t} previous to the day, on which the Committee was appointed to meet, he understood the parties had mutually acquiesed to drop their annimosities, and were content to remain under the care of the Pby of Dromore, and therefore the necessity of the Committee's meeting was superceeded. Dromore Cong^{n}

Mr Hamilton disannexed from the Pby of Coleraine, by the last Sub Synod of Derry, made application to this Synod, requesting he might be annexed to the Pby of Belfast. This granted, provided the Pby of Belfast are inclined to receive him, and if not Mr Hamilton is allowed to join himself to any other Pby, that will receive him. Mr Hamilton

Moved that the Time and place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now, Magharafelt & Antrim were proposed. The Roll called & it carried Magharafelt. The next Synod is therefore to meet at Magharafelt the last Tuesday in June 1784. Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon. Next Synod

Adjourned till Seven o'clock afternoon. This Session concluded with prayer.

3^{d} Session Wednesday, at 7 o'clock afternoon, after prayer &c. 3^{d} Session

Mr Bruce a member of the Southern Association, being present was invited to sit and vote with this Synod and he consented to do it. Mr Bruce

Mr Black moved that the address to his Majesty which was agreed upon at last G. Synod, shou'd now be read, which being complyed with he observed, that the address, printed in the Belfast *News-Letter* differed from ye address agreed upon, by the G. Synod at last meeting & entered in the records. Ordered that the Clerk write to M^{r} McDowell and inquire if the address to his Majesty was transmitted unaltered. Mr Black

A petition from the Congregation of Kirkcubbin, requesting that they may be rec^{d} under the care of this Synod; also a Petition from Mr Brideon of Kirkcubbin praying, that he may be under the Protection of this Synod, were read. After some reasoning it was moved—Receive Mr Brydeen, or not. The Roll called & it carried receive, altho' they consider the settlement of that Gentleman in their Bounds as irregular yet in consideration of the goodness of his private character, this Synod consents to receive him, as a matter of favour, but not to be considered as a preceedent. Mr Brydeen was asked if he had subscribed the W. M. Confession of faith, when he was licened, and if he still adhered to that subscription, if he wou'd be subject to this Synod in the Lord, & wou'd be a Contributor to the the widows fund, all which he answered in the affirmative, and Mr Brydeen is allowed to be a member of any Pby in our Bounds that will receive him. Messrs Jackson, Dickson, Ker & Jackson jun^{r}, entered their protests & promised to give their reasons in due time. Kirkcubbin Mr Brydeen

Adjourned till eleven o'clock to-morrow forenoon. Interloq^{r} at 9, ye Sess^{n} concl^{d} w^{t} prayer.

4th Session

4th Session Thursday at eleven o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.

Morn

A Supplication from the Congregation of Morn, was presented to this Synod setting forth that in consequence of a Difference between them and the Exrs of Mr Kennedy, they [are] prevented of obtaining the setlemt of the minister they had called; they therefore pray the Interposition of this Synod in adjusting their differences, and the ordination of the minister they have made choice of, may be expedited.

A Comttee

The Pby of Dromore, the Comrs from Morn, & the Executors of the late Mr Kennedy, were heard at Large & removed—It was moved & agreed to, that a Committee of the following members, viz: Messrs McComb, Campbell, Read, White, & Livingstone, shou'd immediately converse with the parties, in order to heal their differences. The Committee having made their report, this Synod resolved—that as differences have arisen from the setlement of their accounts, it is the mind of this Synod, that the proposed sum of £50, shou'd be pd by the Congn of Morn to the Exrs of the late Mr Kennedy on the morning of Mr Thomson's ordination, and the sum of £10 more left to the generosity of the Congregation.

Cregan & Newton Hamilton

A Reference having been made by the Pby of Killilea to ys Synod, in regard to a Dispute subsisting in ye Congregation of Cregan, concerning the proportion in which Mr McComb's Labours shall be divided between the Two meeting houses at Cregan & Newton Hamilton, and the minute of said Pby containing every Information upon the spot, being read—This Synod agreed unanimously, that Mr McComb shou'd preach alternately at Cregan & Newton Hamilton from the Time that the people of the later place shall have discharged the arrears due by them at Cregan, Augt 1st 1781, and as long as they shall continue to pay him one half of the stipend promised, or to be promised, & become Justly due to Mr McComb from the above date, this minute to be read publickly in both places.

Mr Harris

Mr Harris having reported that very litle money had been given in to him, in pursuance of the appointmt yesterday—Ordered that the members present, who have not collected for Mr Sprate's meeting house, be enjoined to make Collections before or against next meeting of the G. Synod, & convey the same to Mr Harris, by him to be transmitted to Mr Sprate. The following members are—Mr Colin Lyndsay, Mr Ker, Mr Wm Henry, Mr Wm Smith, Mr Patrick, Mr Barbar, Mr Sherard, Mr McPherson, Mr McGee, Mr Fletcher, Mr Hays, Mr John Thomson, Mr Livingstone, Mr Craig, Mr Thos Birch, Mr McKewen, Mr Cumming, Mr Robt Montgomery, Mr Arnold, Mr Dickson, with all others in the respective Pbys, who have not collected for the above purpose, are hereby requested to be punctual in making Collections as above.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st Interloqr

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Refund ye widows fund

On reading the minute of last year's Interloqr refering to this Interloqr, the consideration of the Business respecting the refunding the

Contributions to the widows fund, to such as go to America. Reference being had to the Rule of the G. Synod made in the year 1777, which is as follows:—" That if any part of the Capital of the widows fund already accumulated, be hereafter given away to any person or persons, but those originally intended to be relieved by the scheme of that fund, every Contributor who disproves thereof, shall have a right to go out of the scheme, provided he declares his resolution to do so, then, or at the meeting of next G. Synod, & whosoever votes for such an alienation shall be excluded the benefit of this Resolution,—after some reasoning on this matter, the question was put—Rescind the Rule of 1777 or not? Messrs Osborn, White, Rankin, & Dickson, entered their Protests against the vote. The Roll was called & it carried Rescind.

It was moved and agreed to, that Messrs Jackson & Mathewson, formerly of the Pby of Monaghan, having demitted their Congregations, not thro' age, or bodily Infirmity, shou'd not be entitled to any share of the R:D: from the time of their respective Demissions, and the Clerk is hereby ordered to Inform our agent of this, & to instruct him to pay no money in his hands to either of them. Messrs Jackson & Mathewson

It being observed that Mr Moore & others of the Pby of Monaghan, do enjoy a double portion of the R.D: ordered that Mr Moore be enjoined to attend at next G. Synod to give information of this matter & Mr Harris is to Inform Mr Moore of this. Mr Moore

2^d *Interloq^r.*

Mr Lang's Letter to this Synod was read, stating his desire, that, according to the original scheme of the widows fund, he may in future be allowed, by the special direction of this Synod, 2½ ℘ c^t on all the annuities, for negotiating the Business of the widows fund; this was unanimously agreed to & our Clerk, in his answer to Mr Lang's Letter is ordered to inform him accordingly. Mr Lang

On observing that the Returns from several Pbys of the widows and ann^ts in their Bounds are defective: it was moved & agreed to, that if thro' the neglect of any Pby, annuities shou'd be transmitted longer than realy due, to the prejudice of the fund; what it shall have suffered, by such neglect: by an order of this Synod to our Agent, to stop so much out of the R:D: due to such Pbys, our Clerk is ordered to advise our Agent to be particularly careful, that he receives due certificates of ye widows and annuitants being alive, before he pays any annuities according to the Regulation, relative to that matter of 1773, a copy of which will be sent to Mr Lang. Concerning Returns

A Letter from the Trustees of the widows fund, was received by ye Interloq^r, which gave pleasure to find, that the fund is in a prosperous state, but it was observed, that no account appeared respecting a bequest of £100 by Mr Ker of Newcastle, county Meath, to the widows fund. Trustees Letter Bequest

Ordered that Mr Moore & Mr Montgomery of the Pby of Monaghan do apply to the Ex^rs of Mr Ker, in relation to that matter, & report to ye General Synod at next meeting.

Bequest

Some members having given information of a Bequest, said to be left by a lady in Dublin to the widows fund; this Interloq^{r} request Mr Bruce to get what Information he can, relative to that matter and communicate it to the Trustees.

Mr Black and Craig were ordered to prepare an answer to ye Trustees letter. Ordered that the Mod^{r} write to M^{r} McDowell to procure without loss of Time the Royal Charter of the R:D: from the representatives of the late Mr Caldwell.

Mr Rowan

Mr Hull in the name of the Pby of Bangor, requested that Mr Rowan, a member with them, shou'd no longer be one of their Body. This was granted, even at the request of Mr Rowan, but as in the course of conversation, several things had dropped, affecting the character of Mr Rowan. Ordered that a Committee shall meet at Ballinderry the last Tuesday in July next, to consider that matter: the Com^{ttee} to consist of Messrs Jno. Thomson, Henry, McClure, Birch, Sherard, from the Pby Dromore; Messrs Laird, Malcom, Patten, & Killburn, from Belfast Pby; Messrs Wright, Montgomery, Abernathy & Gibson, from T.patrick Pby; & from the Pby of Ballymena, Messrs Lyndsay, Park, Rankin, & Ja^{s} Brown, with their Elders, (The Pby of Bangor are enjoined to attend), 5 Min^{rs} & three Elders, to be a quorum, to hear any complaint against Mr Rowan, by the Pby of Bangor, or any others; and to enquire into the state of his Congregation: and all affairs relating to the Conduct of Mr Rowan, & his Congregation: and Mr Rowan, is enjoined to attend said Committee, and in case of non-attendance, the Committee are to proceed to pass such sentence as to them shall seem meet. The Committee are impowered to Issue the whole Business upon the spot, or to adjourn to a latter day as they shall see cause. Mr Craig is ordered to preach in Ballinderry the 2^{d} Sabbth hence & to publish this Minute; Mr Murdoch is appointed to preach for Mr Craig in Lisburn, and Mr Rowan is to pay Mr Murdoch. Mr Thomson is enjoined to preach at the meeting of the Committee.

Chas King Esqr

The Mod^{r} is appointed to write a Letter to Chas King Esqr in the name of the G. Synod, thanking him for his generous proposition, communicated by Mr Lang, in his Letter to this Synod last year, hoping he will persevere in any steps he may Judge most conducive to our Interest.

Moved that a Letter be wrote to some friend in Dublin by Mr Campbell or Mr White signifying the inclination of this Synod, to take some steps towards obtaining an augmentation of the R:D: That we may know the sentiments of our Brethren in the Southern Association on that subject.

Inserted by

WILL. ROGERS, G.S.Clk.

A General Synod at Maghrafelt, 29th June, 1784.

Mr Wilson Moderator of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Joh. 18. 37, then constituted by prayer, after which were present from the several Presbyteries as follow :—

Minrs.	Elders.
Strabane Pby.	
Jos. Osborn	
Docr. Wm. Craford	
Hu. Hamill	
Derry.	
Saml. Patten	
Jno. Law	
Arthur Kyle	
Frans. Gray	
Hu. Books	
Templepatrick.	
Wm. Rogers	
Jno. Wright	
Thos. Read	
Jno. Abernethy	
Jno. Bankhead	
Jno. Gibson	
David Ker	
Dromore.	
Jno. Thomson	Jno. Lewers.
Isaac Patrick	
Jos. Hay	
Jno. Sherard	
Wm. McFerson	Richd. Speer
Wm. McGee	
Mos. Thomson	
Wm. McGlelland	
Bangor.	
Jas. Cochran	
Jas. Bryson	
Belfast.	
Thos. Birch	
Sinclare Killburn	
Geo. McKewen	
Geo. Brydone	
Letterkenny.	
Andw. Alexander	

Minrs.	Elders.
Coleraine.	
Robt. Henry	
Jno. Smith	
Wm. Knox	
Robt. Caldwell	
Robt. Thomson	
Jno. Glenday	
Wm. Douglass	
Ballymena Pby.	
Jno. Rankin	
Robt. Scott	
Jno. Lyndsay	
Jas. Cuming	Jno. Ker
Alexr. Speer	
Richd. Christy	Jno. Patten
Dublin.	
None.	
Monaghan.	
Wm. Moor	
Jno. Davis	
Mat Trimble	Mr. Eliot
Robt. Montgomery	
Wm. Miller	
Jno. McCurdy	
Tyrone.	
Jas. Todd	
Jno. White	Wm. Chambers
Wm. Kennedy	Danl. McNesh
Jno. McClelland	Jno. Gibson
Jas. Whiteside	Jas. Sinclare
Mos. Hogg	
Wm. Wilson	Docr. Pollock
Geo. Murray	
Jas. Whiteside, Junr.	
Jno. Smith	
Wm. Moore	Wm. Brown
Robt. Rogers	

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Clogher.		Armagh.	
Andw. Miller		Docr. Campbell	
Jas. Ker		Saml. Livingstone	
Jos. Denham		Saml. Sloane	
Wm. Johnston		Thos. Cuming	
Killilea.			
		To no Pby.	
Robt. Smith			
Jas. Sinclare		Saml. Hamilton	

Modr chosen

Mr Wilson moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod, the following Brethren were named as a Leet: Messrs Thomson, Knox, Bankhead, Murray, Docr Craford. The Roll called & Docr Craford was chosen; Mr Rogers continued Clerk.

Clerk

Ordered that [the] several Pbys meet this evening & prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning, of their members for the several Committees of overtures, Books, fund & G. Synod's fixed Committee, as also an account of such ministers as have died, been ordained, Installed, Candidates licensed or entered on trials since last Genl Synod, also an account of widows on the fund, and if any have died since last Synod the Time to be mentioned. Likewise of women that have been ministers wives and are not on ye fund.

Mr Sherard

Ordered that Mr Sherard preach to this Synod to-morow morning at nine o'clock, as formerly appointed.

Mr Murray

Ordered that Mr Murray being next in votes to the Modr now chosen, be appointed to preach at next G. Synod, upon the second day of their meeting at nine o'clock forenoon.

Adjourned till eleven o'clock to-morrow forenoon. This Sessn concluded with prayer.

2d Sessn

2d Session Wednesday at eleven o'clock forenoon, after prayer &c.

Mr Sherard

Mr Sherard as appointed preached to this Synod, at nine o'clock forenoon, from*

The several Pbys gave in Lists of their members, for the several Committees as also the following accounts, namely—

Ordained

Strabane Pby have ordained Mr Hu Hamill, ye 4th March 1784. he is a contributor to ye widows fund. They have on the fund Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Torbet, famy Mr Welsh.

Ordd

Derry Pby, have ordd Mr Jas Patten, 7th 8ber last, Mr Books, the 5 of Novemr last, Mr Cuningham, the 11th Do., they are

* Text not given.

all contributors to the widows fund. They report that Mr Walker, died the later end of May 1782, he was a contributor to the widows fund, left a widow and family. Mr Harvy demitted the Charge of his Congn in Derry, in Novemr last, they Installed Mr Black in Derry the 2d Tuesday in Janry 1784. They deposed Mr Dunn, the 18th May 1784. They have licensed, Messrs Gray & March George, according to Synodical Requitations: widows with them are Mrs Hair, Mrs Lyle, Mrs Walker, Mrs Strabridge, & Mrs Walker Junr. Dead Installed Deposed Licensed

Templepatrick Pby, have ordd Mr Jno Marshall, the 21st of June 1784, for America; they have on the fund, Mrs Dunbar, Mrs White, Mrs Craford. Ordd

Dromore Pby, have ordained Mr Moses Thomson, 22nd July, 1783, he subscribed the W.M. Confession of faith & widows fund. Mr McClelland, the 21st 8ber, he subscribed Do., they have licensed Messrs James Waddel, Hu. McClister & Jno Taylor, according to Synodical Regulations, they subscribed the W.M. Confession. They have entered on 2d trials Mr Waddell. They have on the fund Mrs White, Mrs Sims, Mrs Semple, Mrs Richey, Mrs Neilson, Mrs Kennedy, famy Mr Mulligan till 7th Jany 1784. Ordd Licensed Trials

Lrkenny Pby have licensed Messrs Douglass, Simson, & McKay, according to Synodical regulations, They report that Mr Steen resigned the care of his Congn in April last—widows on the fund with them are Mrs Turretine, Mrs McGaghey, Mrs Wilson, famy Mr Ferlie. Licensed

Coleraine Pby have ordained Mr Douglass, he is not a contributor to the fund, nor is said when he was ordained, they report that Mr Gideon Neilson died the 20th 9ber last, he was not a contributor to the widows fund, They have ordd Mr Hill for America. They have licensed Mr Kennedy according to Synodical Regulations. They have on the fund, Mrs Gaston, Mrs Thomson, Mrs Elder, Mrs Smylie, family Mr David Smylie. Ordd Dead Licensed

Clogher Pby have on the fund, Mrs Scott, famy Mr Boyl, not on the fund, Mrs Hemphill, Mrs Carlile.

Tyrone Pby have on the fund, Mrs Orr, Mrs Peebles, Mrs Duffin, Mrs Caldwell, famy of Mr Ker.

Bangor Pby have on the fund, Mrs Warnick, Mrs Mitchell.

Dublin Pby have on the fund Mrs Patten, Mrs McBeath, Mrs Vance, Mrs Caldwell.

Belfast Pby have ordained Messrs McGee, Redelson, for America, they subscribed the W. M. Confession. They have Licensed Mr Harison according to Synodical Regulations, he subscribed the W. M. Confession of faith; on the fund they have Mrs Malcom, Mrs Kinkead. Ordd for America

Armagh Pby have ordained Mr Thomas Cuming, he subscribed the widows fund. They have on the fund Mrs Menagh, Mrs Moodie, Mrs Cherry, Mrs Ferguson.

Ballymena Pby have licensed Mr Ja Davison according to Synodical Regulations; they have on 2d trials Mr Martin; the widows on the fund with them are Mrs Hill, Mrs O'Brien, Mrs Brown—not on the fund Mrs McCreight.

Killilea Pby have on the fund Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Strong, Mrs Kennedy.

Monaghan Pby report that they have entered on trials Mr Eliot; they ordained Mr McCurdy the 18th October, he is a contributor to the widows fund; on the fund they have Mrs Algeo, famy Mr Kenedy, Do. Mr Carson.

Antrim Pby have ordained Mr Wm Sinclare, the 10th March last, he is a subscriber to the widows fund; the widows with them are, Mrs Drenan, Mrs Niven, famy Mr Elder, Do. Docr Colvil, Do. Mr Dobbin.

The Synod's fixed Committee are as follow :—

For Strabane Pby Mr Osborn, & Docr Craford with an Elder.

Derry Do. Messrs Law & Black wt an Elder.

Templepatrick Do. Messrs Read & Bankhead wt an Elder.

Dromore Do. Messrs Thomson, Sherard & Docr Litle wt an Elder.

Lrkenny Do. Messrs Alexander & Burk wt an Elder.

Coleraine Do. Messrs Rentall & Knox wt an Elder.

Clogher Do. Messrs Moorhead & Miller wt an Elder.

Tyrone Do. Messrs White, Stitt & Wilson wt an Elder.

Bangor Do. Messrs Hull & Bryson wt an Elder.

Belfast Do. Messrs Malcom & Killburn wt an Elder.

Armagh Do. Messrs Jackson, Livingstone & Docr Campbell wt an Elder.

Ballymena Do. Messrs Douglass & Lyndsay wt an Elder.

Monaghan Do. Messrs Harris & Trimble wt an Elder.

Killilea Do. Docr Dickson & Sinclare wt an Elder.

From Dublin no return

Antrim Pby. Messrs Wm Sinclare, Bryson, Docr Cromby and an Elder.

These with our Modr & Clerk are to meet at Dunganon when called by the Modr on any emergency, 15 to be a quorum, whereof 12 at least are to be Ministers, & the Moderar is requested to give previous notice of the business on which the Comce is ordered to meet.

A widow on the fund

Mr Law is ordered to make inquiry concerning a Mrs Cochran a widow on the fund, and if dead he is to advise Mr Lang as soon as he can.

Of Disannexion

Ordered that no Pby in the Bounds of this Synod, shall disannex any Congregn from under their care, nor shall any Pby receive such Congregn without the previous approbation & authority of this Synod: and that no Pby shall take upon them, to erect any new Congregn without direct Power from the G. Synod.

On reading the minute of last year respecting subscription to the W. M. Confession of faith. It was moved that the word—usual—was vague & improper, and the word—full—in the former minute—was unnecessary: That neither of these terms be used, and that the words of the minute stand,—That the Rule respecting subscription was unrepealled. Subscription

It is recommended to Mr Hamilton to apply to some Pby for admission as a member to this Synod. Mr Hamilton

Ordered that the Pby Dromore be enjoined to advert to the affair of Mr McFerson, as directed by last G. Synod, & that it be recommended to the Several Pbys belonging to this Synod, to observe making collections for the Relief of Mr McFerson. Mr McFerson

The time & place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now—Maghrafelt & Antrim were proposed. The Roll called & it carried to meet at Maghrafelt the last Tuesday in June 1785. Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon. Next Synod

Adjourned till seven o'clock. Interloqr at 5—Concluded wt prayer.

3d Session Wednesday at 7 o'clock afternoon, after prayer &c. 3d Session

A Supplication from a number of Presbyterians of Ballymote, a remote part of the Congn of Sligo, was read, seting forth that they had lately emigrated from the County Donegall, and were supplied by the Minister of Sligo every fourth Lord's day, but having no House for publick worship—They pray for assistance to enable them to build a meeting house. Ballymote

Ordered that the Congregns within the Bounds of the Pby of Leterkenny & Clogher, be applyed to give them aid & assistance to the above Laudable work—and the other Congns within the Bounds of the G. Synod, are requested to send such aid towards this matter as they conveniently can to next G. Synod.

A Supplication from the Congregn of Ballinderry, was presented to this Synod, reciting, That as in consequence of the Demission of Mr Rowan their late Minr, they have been taken under the care of the Revd Pby of Belfast, untill this meeting of the G. Synod. They supplicate that they may be annexed to & continue under the care of the Pby Belfast. Ballinderry

Recourse being had to the minutes of last year, appointing a Committee to meet at Ballinderry, & Mr Thomson a member of that Committee being called upon, gave an acct of their proceedings, he repeated that Mr Roan had demitted his charge, & as the Congregation was not under the care of any Pby, the Committee recommended it, that they shou'd be under the care of the Pby of Belfast untill this meeting.

This Synod approve of the Conduct of the Committee & grant the above supplication, & are duly sensible of the Diligence & perseverance of those members who attended to the conduct of that busi-

ness, while they must censure the indifference & negligence of those of them, who paid no regard to the appointment of this Synod—The Cong^{n} of Ballinderry was annexed to the Pby of Belfast, & at the same time are enjoined that all arrears due the Probationers, shall be paid them before the ordination of the ministers.

Mr Miller

Mr Miller applied to this Synod, respecting a debt due, of nine days preaching, by ye Cong^{n} of Saintfield, to the amount of £10: 4: 6, but inasmuch as the duty performed was partly in favour of the Representatives of the late Mr Walker, he will be satisfied with three guineas—This Synod appoint Mr Birch to lay Mr Miller's claim before his Congreg^{n}, by publishing this minute there, that Mr Miller's just demand may be satisfied, Mr Birch is to procure the money & pay it to Mr Miller's order.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st *Interloq^{r}*

Mr Patrick a member of this Synod & a Contributor to the widows fund, represented to this Interloq^{r}, his necessity of removing to America for certain peculiarities of circumstances, & therefore claimed the restitution of what he had paid into the fund.

This was granted, & whensoever the Pby of Dromore shall certify Mr Lang, Mr Patrick's determination to go to America, he shall refund him whatever he had subscribed to the support of the fund.

A Repeal

It was moved—Rescind the resolution of last G. Synod, respecting the Rule of 1777, relative to the alienation of any part of the Capital of the widows fund. The question was put, Repeal the Resolution of last year—or not? The Roll called, & it carried not.

Mr Killburn

Ordered that Mr Lang pay Mr Killburn £1: 16: 10. for discharging a debt due by the Genl Synod for publications in the Belfast *News-Letter.*

R D. equal

It was moved & seconded, that all Ministers entitled to the R.D. shall be put on an equal footing, each to enjoy one equal single share & no more,—The previous question was proposed—shall the above be put or not, The Roll called & it carried—put—The main question was then carried without a division. The Clerk is to inform Mr Lang of this resolution.

A Report

It was agreed that Doc^{r} Campbell be now called upon to give a Report of his transactions in Dublin, which he gave in by reading a correct account of his proceedings, which are inserted in our Record & is as follow:—

Doc^{r} Campbell reports, that in pursuance of an appointment of the G. Synod's fixed Committee at Dunganon, the 2^{d} of Decem^{r} 1783, he went to Dublin to solicit an augmentation of R:D: That, according to his Instructions, he waited on Col. Stewart, of Killymoon, immediately on his arrival in Dublin, & found there, & at all times a most steady, intelligent & zealous friend to our interest—That during

his long stay in Dublin, he received from him every mark of attention & kindness, that the G. Synod cou'd have hoped from the most determined one to serve them. That he took no step without consulting the Col., & in every transaction thought himself particularly fortunate to be able to avail himself of the knowledge of the world, & superior wisdom for which that Gentleman is so justly distinguished.

That Mr McDowell on every occasion shewed the most friendly attention & zeal to co-operate with him in the execution of their Commission.

That he had several meetings with the Ministers of the Southern association, informed them that the terms proposed in their papers to the Synod's Committee cou'd not be admitted, but that if they chose, they might join in our petition on the following terms, viz., let the issue of our Petition, be what it might, they shou'd still be entitled to their £400 a year, and if his majesty shou'd raise our proportion higher than theirs, they shou'd be advanced to an equality with us, so that they may possibly gain, but cou'd not lose, Docr Dun, and Mr Thomas, urged their Brethren to join, alledging that tho' they shou'd reap no Benefit, our union wou'd place the whole body in a more reputable point of view, and give the greater weight to our memorial, wt Government, but after waiting ten days for their determination, they declined joining on these terms, & seemed willing to forget the paper they had sent to the Committee.

That Mr McDowell & he presented an address to Lord Northington, the Lord Lieutenant, with the memorial to be transmitted to the King —That they were graciously received, had a favourable answer from his Excellency—That the Lord Lieutenant sent for Docr Campbell several times, & entered very particularly into the present state of publick affairs, & among other things told him, that very unfavourable representations had been made of us,—That the North was in a disturbed state, & ready to break the peace of the Kingdom—Mr Secretary Pelham had mentioned the same unjust aspersions, when Col. Stewart & Mr McDowell were present. Docr Campbell, in the most effectual manner, in his power endeavoured to obviate these misrepresentations, gave a just account of the state of the country, and our principles & conduct, and in the several Conferences, with which he was honoured by the Lord Lieutenant, was so happy as to remove the ill impressions he had recd of us.

His Excellency shewed much candor, thanked him for his information, told him he was fully satisfied of the justness of our principles—that they were the true old Whig Principles, which he revered, & was anxious that we might support the character of our forefathers, and assured him that he wou'd make a faithful & favourable Representation of us to the King when he returned to England, which he had reason to think had not always been done.

The change of Ministry which happened about the time of presenting the memorial, occasioned great delay in our Business & detained Docr Campbell in Dublin, above a quarter of a year—during this period, while matters were full of uncertainty, he used all his

Diligence to procure information—wou'd have gone to the British Court, had he found it necessary for our service—but upon making the best Inquiries he cou'd in Dublin, & writing to Lord Templetown, then in London, he found from the distracted state of publick affairs, that tho' he cou'd have had Letters of Introduction to the Duke of Portland, his going over cou'd not be useful.

Lord Northington at length Informed him, that the King's Letter was come over, with a grant of one thousand pounds a year, that this was the largest sum that ever had been granted, yet as there had been reason to hope for a much more liberal augmentation—The Doc^{r} expressed his disappointment with great frankness to the Lord Lieutenant, who told him with his usual candor, that a larger sum had been intended, but that it was opposed by men of power in this Kingdom, with whom the publick business was transacted, but that we shou'd consider it as a pledge of a further augmentation, & spoke of our presenting an address to his Majesty.

Upon this, the Doc^{r} consulted Col. Stewart & Lord Charlemont, who thro' the whole of this transaction, had also shown themselves steady & zealous friends, they were both of opinion that addresses of thanks shou'd be presented to the King & Ld Lieutenant, and that those Gentlemen who had supported our memorial by going up with us to the Lord Lieutenant, shou'd be consulted, as to the manner of expressing our Thanks, which was done.—Those consulted on this occasion besides the Earl of Charlemont & Col. Stewart, were Mr Grattan, Mr Geo. Ogle, Col. Rowly, Col. Dawson, & Major Skiffington. Lord Templetown having at this time come over from London, was particularly consulted, as was also, Mr Rowly of Summerhill, & several of the Dublin ministers, who all approved of the addresses, which were presented, after being submitted to their examination & correction.

By advice of our most Intelligent friends, Doc^{r} Campbell had the grant placed by warrant from the Lord Lieutenant, on the Civil Establishment of this Kingdom under the Head of nonconforming min^{rs}, whereby a savage was made of sixty or seventy pounds, which a Charter wou'd have cost, that for that purpose he got himself introduced to Mr Secretary Hamilton, had several meetings with him, and in this business he experienced much attention & kindness from him.

That he procured copies of the King's Letter & of the warrant of the Lord Lieutenant out of the Secretary's office.

That the Duke of Rutland, being appointed Lord Lieutenant & expected shortly to arrive in Dublin, the Southern min^{rs} insisted on his staying in Town to present the usual congratulatory address, which he complyed with, and in the mean while he consulted with those Gentlemen of high Rank, to whom he had access, about asking an audience of his Grace on our affairs, but they all thought the season was not convenient. However to obviate misrepresentations of our Body to Government, & to lay a foundation for a future application for the extension of the R. D. appeared of great consequence to our Interest, He was therefore anxious to form some scheme to effect these important

purposes; The scheme that occured to him as most effectual, he submitted to the Earl of Charlemont, Lord Templetown, & Col. Stewart, it met their approbation, and with the most friendly assurances, of regard & kindness, they promised to support it—A number of their Letters to him, since he returned to the country, show that they have used great assiduity & zeal to serve us,—our character has been fairly represented, so that we stand well in the opinion of the present Government, and as to a farther augmentation of R.D. it may just be observed that it is a matter of much delicacy, and considering the powerful enemies we have in this country, so long as it is depending, prudence must command us to be silent about it.

In conversation with the Earl of Northington, he mentained from an historical detail of our Conduct, from our first setlement in Ireland, that we are justly entitled to favour; But from the nature of our Establishment, and the Priviliges we long enjoyed, we had a right to a mentaince tho' in our present situation, we petitioned for a favour, yet we had a claim of Right & Justice upon the State.

That he endeavoured to support this claim in a paper sent to his Excellency by the hands of Secretary Pelham—That his Lordship thought well of it, and y^t^ he has reason to believe, that a Copy of that paper has been laid before the Duke of Rutland, that his Grace was also well pleased with it & expressed his desire of keeping it.

That being informed while he was in Dublin, that one of the Bishops was to move the House for a Revival of our Marriage Act, he had sev^l^ conversations on that Subject, with Lord Charlemont, Col. Stewart & other members of Parliament, and requested, that if that question was brought forward no alteration shou'd be agreed to, without consulting this Synod, which they promised—He gave them a particular account of our mode of celebrating marriage, which they highly approved, and alledged that our Regulations were much preferable to those of the Establish Church.

That he met with the accounts, handed down among the Southern ministers of the add^l^ R.D. by Geo. I., by which means it was divided between them & us, & also of the immediate occasion of the Toleration Act,—That he obtained copies of these papers,—that he got the statement of the Treasury accounts to ascertain the arrears of R.D.

As to his being appointed again Comm^r^ by the G. Synod's Committee, that met at Dunganon, the 16th March 1784, he observed, that he had paid every attention to the Instructions of his Brethren; but that nothing had occured to induce him to return to Dublin.

That according to the orders of the Committee he had written Letters of Thanks to Lord Charlemont, Col. Stewart, Mr Grattan, Mr Geo. Ogle, Col. Rowly, Col. Dawson, and Major Skiffington, & had received the most friendly answers to the most of his Letters.

It was moved & unanimously agreed to, that the Thanks of this Synod shou'd be given to Doc^r^ Campbell, for his great zeal assuiduity & fidelity in conducting our publick affairs committed to him, which was done from the Chair.

It was moved & agreed to, that Doc^{r} Campbell & M^{r} McDowell our Commiss^{rs} in transacting our Business in Dublin, shall have their expenses fully discharged by our agent Mr Lang, & as an expressive of high sense we entertain of their ability & zeal in serving us, we request that Doc^{r} Campbell may be pleased to accept a piece of Plate to the value of 40 Guineas, with a proper Inscription, and that M^{r} McDowell may accept a piece of plate to the value of 20 Guineas, with a proper Inscription also. The choice of the plate to be left to these Respective Gentlemen, Mr Lang is ordered to pay the Mod^{r} the above specified Sixty Guineas, who is requested to see this matter executed.

A piece of Plate

Comm^{r} Dr Campbell

Doc^{r} Campbell is requested to continue our Commissioner.

Deprived of R.D.

It was moved that the following min^{rs} may be struck off from receiving R.D. Mr Robt Caldwell formerly of Coleraine Pby, Mr Smith of Killilea Pby, Mr Dunn Deposed by Derry Pby, Mr Rowan formerly of Bangor Pby, Mr Hume of Templepatrick Pby,—Mr White is continued to enjoy the Benefit of R.D. for the ensuing year, this matter to be considered at next G. Synod.

Mr Dunn

Ordered that Mr Dunn be refunded what he has paid into the widows fund, and that the Pby Derry draw for the money & repay him upon his removal to America, he is to receive his portion of R.D. only down to the 18th May last, when he was deposed.

Mr Steen

The Clerk of the Synod is ordered to advise Mr Lang to pay Mr Alexander of Letterkenny Pby all Mr Steen's subscrip^{n} to the widows fund, & his portion of R.D. for a year & $\frac{3}{4}$, as he is to remove to America.

2^{d} Interloq^{r}

2^{d} Interloq^{r}

Marriage

After deliberating on the Article of Marriage, which came before this Interloq^{r} & the Committee of overtures, it was resolved to let the matter lay over to next G. Synod, but at the same time, it is in the fullest manner enjoined on the several Pbys belonging to the G. Synod, to have the strictest regard to the conduct of their several members, that none of them shall celebrate marriages in an irregular & disorderly manner.

Mr Ker's Bequest

Mr Montgomery reports that he applyed to the Ex^{rs} of the late Mr Ker, & from the ans^{r} he rec^{d} from one of them, he presumes they are not willing to pay the Bequest to the widows fund.—It is proposed the Trustees be acquainted with this matter, and their Interposition & assistance be requested.

Mr Lang

In the affair of Mr Ker's Legacy, Mr Lang is requested to give his assistance to the Trustees.

3^{d} Interloq^{r}

3^{d} Interloqr

A Letter from the Trustees of the widows fund, was rec^{d} & read wherein they advise us, that Mr Price's mortgage is soon to be paid off, and they have intimated to Mr Price that the money will be accepted.

Ordered that Messrs White, Livingstone, & Doc^{r} Campbell, shall write an answer to the Trustees Letter, and request them, that they will be pleased to look into the securities, which either Lord Moira, or Lord Eniskilling will offer. Ld Moira Eniskilling

Is was moved that an agent be appointed for the new Grant of R.D & it was agreed y^{t} Mr Lang shou'd be the person—and Messrs McDowell & Moore, Coun^{rs} Dunn, & Stewart of Pill Lane, Alexander Kirkpatrick, Junr, & Henry Lyons Esq^{rs} be requested to enquire what is the security, if any, for the former R.D., & be empowred to receive security from Mr Lang, for that & the present addition. The Mod^{r} is requested to inform these Gentlemen of the above, & entreat their acceptance of this Trouble. Mr Lang Security for R.D.

It was moved & agreed to, that a Deputation shall be appointed to wait upon Col. Stewart, to thank that Gentleman in the warmest manner for the exertion of his ability & zeal in our service, and the Mod^{r}, Doc^{r} Campbell, Mr White, M^{r} McClelland, Mr Murray, Mr Wilson, Mr Moore, & Mr Osborn, are hereby appointed. Deputation

It was agreed that a Deputation be appointed to wait on Lord Charlemont, at the Belfast Review, & Mr Laird, Mr Bryson, Doc^{r} Crombie, Mr Killburn, Mr Wm Bryson, Mr Jackson, & Mr Beaty, & Mr Thomson, & such others as they may judge proper, are directed to present their warmest Thanks of this Body to that nobleman for his great attention to their Interest.

Ordered that a Deputation be appointed to wait on Lord Templetown, with their grateful acknowledgments for his great attention to our Interest, & Messrs Ranken, Bryson, Wright, Read, Abernethy, Montgomery, & Bankhead, be appointed for that purpose.

It being adverted to, that whereas our former quarterly payments of R.D. at the Castle of Dublin is known to be £300, and in all the acc^{ts} cur^{t} from our agent, he states the gross sum of each q^{r} at £290—our Clerk is enjoined in his ans^{r} to Mr Lang's Letter, to request his clearing up that difficulty, & whereas it appears from the acc^{t} out of the General's office, that the arrears of R.D. are no more than one q^{r}, our Clerk is also desired to enquire how it happens that in all the agents returns, the arrears appear to be about three quarters. On payment of R.D.

It is recommended to the several members of this Synod to take into their serious consideration, the great Loss the dissenting Interest sustains by the want of an accademy for the education of youth, & to come prepared to the next G. Synod, to determine upon the ways & means of establishing of an Institution of y^{s} Kind. An Accademy

Inserted by

WILL. ROGERS, G.S.C.

A General Synod at Maghrefelt, 28 *June*, 1785.

Mr Crawford Mod^r of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from John viii. 9. After which were present from the several Presby^s as follows :—

Minrs.	Elders.
Armagh Pby.	
Dr. Campble	
Saml. Livingstone	
Thos. Cumine	Jas. Porter
Strabane.	
Jos. Oseborne	
Dr. Crawford	
Hugh Hamill	Jno. Davis
Derry.	
John Law	
Fran. Gray	
Robert Black	
Robt. Caldwell	
T. Patrick.	
Wm. Rogers	
Thos. Read	
Wm. Montgomery	
John Bankhead	
John Gibson	Jas. Cuningham
David Kerr	
Dromore.	
John Thomson	Mat. Hughes
Dr. Little	Thos. Lindsay
Wm. Fletcher	
Bangor.	
None.	
Belfast.	
Samuel Patten	
Sinclar Killburn	
Robt. Carlile	
L.Kenny.	
Hugh Delap	James Samson
Henry Miller	John Davis
John Holmes	
Thos. Leech	
James Delap	

Minrs.	Elders.
Colerain.	
Robert Henry	
Wm. Knox.	
Robert Thomson	
John Glenday	
James Elder	John Galt
James McFarland	
Ballymena Pby.	
John Rankin	
Robt. Scot	
John Lyndsay	
Jos. Douglas	
James Cumine	John Kerr
Alexr. Speer.	
James Brown	Jos. Tagart
Dublin.	
None.	
Monaghan.	
Wm. Sprat	
John Davis	
Mat. Trimble	
Wm. Miller	
John McCurdy	
Tyrone.	
James Todd	
Jno. White	Thos. Greve
Wm. Kennedy	Dan. McNish
John McClelland	Mat. Gray
James Whiteside	
Moses Hogg	Richd. White
George Murray	
Wm. Stitt	
Wm. Moore	Wm. Kisok
Clogher.	
Andrew Miller	
Wm. Johnston	
Jos. King	

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Killilea.			
Alex. McCombe	Saml. Porter		
Robert Smyth			
Mos. Neilson	Jas. Neilson		
Dr. Steel Dixon	Arth. McMahon		
James Sinclair			
James Patterson			

Dr Crawford moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod, the following Brethren were named—Messrs Livingstone, Hamil, Gray, Montgomery, Thomson, Patten, Delap, Knox, Scot, Sprat, Murray, Millar, Sinclair—Mr Murray was chosen. Mr Rogers was continued Clerk. Modr Clk

Ordered that the several Presbys meet this night, and prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of this Synod to morrow Morning, of their Members of the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, funds, & General Synod's fixed Committee, also an account of such Ministers as have died, been ordained, Instaled,—Candidates licensed, or entered on trials, since last G. Synod. Also an account of Annuitants on the fund,—if any have died since last G. S., the time to be particularly mentioned—also of women who have been Ministers wives, and are not on the fund.

Ordered that Mr Murray preach to morrow Morning at 9 o'clock as appointed. Mr Murray

Ordered that Mr Delap being next in votes to the Modr now chosen, preach on the second day of next Synod's meeting, at 9 o'clock forenoon. This Sessn concluded with Prayer.

Wednesday 29th 2d Sessn

Mr Murray preached from 2d Thess: 2: 3.

The several Presbys gave in Lists for the several Committees, as also the following accounts:—

Armagh Pby report they have on the fund Mrs Menagh, Mrs Moody, Mrs Ferguson—that Mrs Cherry died 2d July last.

Strabane Pby report they have licensed Messrs Davis, & Anderson. On the fund Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Turbit. Widows

Derry Pby report they have entered on trials Messrs Henry, McElree, Gourlie—instaled Mr Robt Caldwell 16 Novr 1784—that Mr Bond died 22 Feby. last, left a family but no widow. On the fund Mrs Cochran, Mrs Strawbrige, Mrs Hair, Mrs Walker, Mrs Hood, Mrs Walker, Mrs Lyle. Trials &c.

T.Patrick Pby have entered on trials Mr James Adams—on the fund Mrs Dunbar, Mrs White, Mrs Crawford. Trials &c.

Trials &c. Dromore Pby have on trials Messrs Thos Henry, McMahon, John McCune, ordained Mr James Wadle 3^{d} Augt 1784,—is a contributor to the Widows fund—on the fund Mrs Semple, Mrs Simms, Mrs Richy, Mrs Neilson, Mrs Strong, Mrs White, & family of Mr Kennedy.

Licensed Belfast Pby have licensed Mr Knox—ordained Mr Robt Carelile September, 1784, & John Johnson for America.

Licensed Dead Fund L.Kenney Pby have on trials Mr Orr, Mr Neilson.—Licensed Mr Ramsay, Mr Huston, report that Mr James Gordon died 28 May 1785, left a widow & family—have on the fund Mrs Magahy, Mrs Turretine.

Ord^{d} Widows Colerain Pby have ordained Mr Brice Miller, 21 December 1784, is a subscriber to the W: C: F:—on the fund Mrs Thomson, Gaston, Elder, Smylie, & family of Mr D^{d} Smylie.

Fund B.mena Pby have on trials Mr Linton,—on the fund Mrs Hill, M^{rs} O'Brian, Mrs Brown.

Monaghan Pby have on trials Mr James McAdam, licensed Mr Robt Elliot—Instaled Mr Robert Rogers, 9th March last—report that Mr Fleming died 21 July 1784, & Mr Harris the 15 Feby. 1785—On the fund M^{rs} McKee, Mrs Patrick, Mrs Warnock, Mrs Algeo, Mrs Fleming, Mrs Harris, family of Mr Kennedy, & of Mr Carson.

Tyrone Pby have on trials Mr Wm Henry,—on the fund Mrs Duffine, Mrs Caldwell, Mrs Peebles, Mrs Orr, & family of Mr Kerr.

Ord^{d} Fund Clogher Pby have ordained Mr Jos. King, 4 Augt 1784, is a Contributor to the Widows fund,—on the fund Mrs Scott, & family of Mr Boyle.

Fund Killelea Pby have on the fund Mrs Strong, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Kennedy.

Fund Antrim Pby have on the fund Mrs Drenan, Mrs Nivin, family of Mr Elder, Dr Colvil, & Mr Dobbin.

The Synod's Fixed Committee :—

From Armagh Pby.	From T.Patrick Pby.
Messrs Dr Campble Wm Livingstone	Wm Montgomery John Bankhead
Strabane.	**Dromore.**
Dr Crawford Jos. Osborne with an Elder.	John Thomson Dr Little
Derry.	**Belfast.**
John Law, Bob^{t} Black } with an Elder. Fran. Gray	Saml Patten

From L.Kenney Pby.

Hugh Delap
Hen. Miller
Thos Leech

Colerain.

Wm Knox

B.mena.

Messrs Jno Rankin
Jos Douglas

Monaghan.

John Davis
Matt. Trimble

From Tyrone Pby.

John White } with an Elder.
Wm Kennedy }
John McClellan

Clogher.

Andw Miller

Killelea.

Alexr McCombe
Robert Smyth

Wednesday 11 *o'clock forenoon after prayer &c.*

It was moved that the time & place of next Synod's meeting be now fixed. When Antrim, Lurgan, & Dunganon were moved for, upon a Division it carried "Dunganon," to meet at Dunganon the last Tuesday in June 1786. Interloqr at half after four, open Synod at six.

Wednesday 7 *o'clock.* 3d Sess.

A supplication from part of the Congregation of Randlestown, was presented to this Synod, complaining of the conduct of the Pby of B.mena towards them, and praying to be annexed to the Pby of Root. Randelstown

At the same time another supplication from another part of said Congn was read, claiming that they may be considered as the Congn of Randlestown, and that they may be continued under the Care of the Pby of Ballymena.

The Memorial of the Pby of Ballymena giving a Relation of their proceedings from the vacancy of that Congregation, and a full statement of their transactions with said Congregation, was also laid before this Synod.

The Pby of Ballymena, and the party complaining were heared, also the other party from Randlestown. After reasoning on the above Matters, the following Question was moved "does it appear from what has come before us, that the Pby of Ballymena had good Ground to proceed, and draw up a Call, or not? The previous Question was put & negatived, the original motion was then agreed to, without a Division—viz. that the Pby of Ballymena had not good Ground to draw up and present a Call.

It was moved and agreed to, that Messrs White, Crawford, Campble, Dixon, McClellan, Thomson, Killburn, shall meet the parties from Randlestown, at 7 to morrow Morning, in order if possible to bring about a reconciliation & report to this Synod. This Session concluded w^{t} prayer.

4th Sess. [*Thursday Morning.*]

The Committee who met the parties from Randlestown on Thursday morning, report that they had heard both parties—that the minority were willing to lay aside Mr Elder, and apply for a young man to any other Pby, to this the majority objected, and requested that a Committee be appointed at a short day to take a new Poll of the Cong^{n} of Randlestown in which the Majority acquiessed.

This Synod therefore appoint a Committee of the following members, Messrs Dixon, Thomson, Montgomery, Abernethy, Bankhead, Wright, Gibson, McClelland, Whiteside, Senr, & Killburn, to meet at Randlestown on Wednesday the 20th July to poll the Congreg^{n}, and to proceed with a Call, if they shall see Cause, no person to be intitled to a vote who has not paid his or her respective share of Stipend, and arrear of Stipend, with all other Congregational Charges down to the first of May 1784. Both parties agreed to make out Lists of such persons as they intend to vote, and give their several Lists to each other ten clear days before the Meeting of the Committee, that they may be scrutinized if they see needfull, which Lists are to be delivered to the Committee on the morning of their meeting. Mr Bankhead to preach at 11 o'clock said day. A Copy of this Minute to be read in the Congregation of Randlestown next Lord's day, & another Copy to be given to Mr Bankhead for the use of the Committee.

Marriage

It was desired that the Minute of last Synod's Interloq^{r} relating to Marriage should be read, and after reasoning on the subject, it was moved and unanimously agreed to, that any Member of this Synod, who shall Join in Marriage any man & woman not under his pastoral care, or if not duly certified by the Minister or Session of the Congregation of which they are members Shall for the first offence be suspended *ab officio* for three months, for the second offence be degraded, and that when either of the parties shall be members of the Established Church, he shall not celebrate any matrimonial contract, without the consent in writing of the Rector, Curate or other Officiating Clergyman of the Parish in which said Party shall be a resident, under pain of incurring the like Penalties.

T.Patrick Pby

The Presby of Templepatrick requested that this Synod would be pleased to apropriate their share of the Synod's fund, to the Congregation of Islandmagee, untill it arive at such a degree of strength as will enable them to pay £40 a year, this granted.

This Synod coucluded with Prayer.

1st Interloq^{r} [1st *Interloq^{r}.*]

Upon reading the Minute of last year, allowing Mr Patrick to withdraw his contribution to the Widows fund upon his going to

America, it was moved & agreed to, that the Resolution of last Synod is no longer in force, but discharged.

It was moved that no part of the Money paid into the Widows fund be applied to any other purpose, than the support of the Widows & Orphans for whose use it was originaly designed, the previous Question was put & was negatived, the original motion was then agreed to without a division.

[2d *Interloqr.*] 2d Interloqr

It was moved that Mr Sprat in consideration of his distressing Circumstances, be allowed a double Portion of R.D. during his life, this unanimously agreed to. Mr Sprat

On reading the Resolution of last year declaring Mr Caldwell to be no longer intitled to R.D., it was moved that as Mr Caldwell is again appointed to the Charge of a Congregation, that the Resolution respecting him be rescinded, and that he shall be intitled to a dividend of R.D. without any drawback or interuption. This agreed to. Mr Caldwell

As it appears to this Synod that Mr McDowel has declined to make any charge for his expences in transacting their Business, with respect to the new Grant, and also has declined accepting the compliment of a piece of Plate voted him last Synod, they cannot help expressing their very gratefull sense, which they ever entertain of his important services as their Commissioner, & also of his generous Conduct in the present instance. Mr McDowel

Ordered that the Resolution of last Synod respecting Mr Dunn be rescinded, and that the money drawn by the Pby of Derry from the Widows fund in favour of Mr Dunn, be repaid to the agent of said fund. Mr Dunn

[3d *Interloqr.*] 3d Interloqr

It was moved that a sum equal to that given to the widows fund by Mr Dunn, be paid by our agent out of the new R.D. to the order of the Presby of Derry, to be apropriated as they shall see fit to the sole use of Mrs Dunn & her family, on account of her and their extreme poverty. This granted.

[4th *Interloqr.*] 4th Interloqr

A Letter in answer to Mr Lang's was read and approved of, and is as follows:—"Dear Sir, We recd your Letter of the 23d Inst., the accounts with which you favoured us in it, we have not had time to examine with that minuteness that would enable us to speak positively upon them, but as far as we have been able to consider them, they appear to us satisfactory, with respect to the Security, we are happy to say that you have always been attentive to our affairs, and that we have had the utmost Reliance upon your honesty and integrity, yet, nevertheless, we cannot consider it in the smalest degree indelicate to require a fresh security for the whole R.D. from you now, indeed we Answer to Mr Lang's Letter

are suprised that you should make any difficulty in complying with our wishes in that respect. It is no more than the ordinary mode of doing Business, & therefore we must insist upon your giving a proper security to our Rev[d] Brethren, Mess[rs] M[c]Dowel, Moor, & Wilson, as soon as you conveniently can, that it may be transmitted to this Body before or at their next Meeting."

The Moderator & M[r] Stitt were appointed to answer the Trustees Letter, expressing our approbation of lending the Capital of the fund to Sir John Blackwood, reminding that M[r] King had been added to the Trustees: M[r] Killburn is appointed to write to M[r] King, & to inform him that he was appointed a Trustee of the Widows fund, & request he would accept that Trust.

Accademy

Resolved that if any Gentleman shall by the approbation of this Synod, set up an Accademy in which Logick, Mathematicks & Moral Philosophy, shall be taught, in this case a Certificate from the Gentleman conducting the Accademy of six months regular attendance & corrisponding Improvement, shall be considered by the respective Pbys within our bounds, as equal to Certificate of one seasons attendance in any University, and that D[r] Crawford of Strabane, is unanimously approved of as a very proper person to preside in such an Accademy. D[r] Campble is requested to continue our Commissioner.

Mr James Jackson

A Letter from M[r] James Jackson late of Ballybay was read, requesting to be allowed to pay up his subsbription to the Widows fund, that his widow may be intitled to the Benefit of said fund. This Request referred to next G. Synod.

1 Overt

This Synod observing with Regret the great Inattention both of Minisetrs & Elders to the concerns of this Church. The Synod therefore resolve to censure according to the established Rules of this Church, such Ministers as shall be absent from our annual meetings, without sufficient reason. And as Elders are a part of our Ecclesiastical Constitution, it is resolved that this Synod will strictly inquire why Elders do not attend with their respective Ministers, at our stated Meetings. And it is hereby injoined to every Presby belonging to this Synod, to observe the Conduct of their members attending Presbyterial Meetings, and the Presbys should frequently meet for the purpose of visiting their Congregations. And that Ministers & Elders endeavour to maintain the Dissipline, and good Order of this Church. This minute to be read in every Congregation belonging to this Synod before November next.

2[d] Overture

That this Synod do declare it to be their sense that no person should be ordained in this Kingdom for America, by any Pby within the Bounds of this Synod, unless in consequence of a regular application from America—That a Rule be made prohibiting such practice. And that no Probationer shall be put on 2[d] trials by any Pby, unless in case of a regular Call to the Charge of a Congregation, and that every probationer shall henceforth pass trials for Ordination before the Pby under whose Care the Congregation is to which he is called.

Extracted by

WILL. ROGERS, G.S.C.

A General Synod at Dungannon, 27th June, 1786.

Mr Murray Moderator of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Acts 20th-28th, after which there appeared from the diff^t Presbys as follows, viz :—

Minrs.	Elders.
Killeleagh Pby.	
Alexr. McCombe	Wm. Donnaldson
Robert Smith	
Moses Nelson	
Doctr. Dickson	Alexr. McDonnel
Robert Porter	
Armagh Pby.	
Saml. Livingstone	John Purdie
Robt. Dickson	Saml. Finlay
Colin Lindsay	
Saml. Sloan	Math. Ochiltree
Thos. Cumming	Jas. Spratt
Strabane Pby.	
Joseph Osborne	
Doctor Crawford	
Derry Pby.	
Saml. Patten	
Robt. Black	
Heny. Elder	
Templepatrick Pby.	
John Lewson	Mr. Acheson
Thos. Read	John Murphy
John Bankhead	John Horshborough
John Gibson	Jas. Adams
David Kerr	Robt. Colville
Adam Hill	
Dromore Pby.	
Isaac Patrick	Jas. McMahon
Saml. Barber	Robt. Thomson
Jas. Birch	John Wallace
John Thompson	Thos. Brown
Joseph Hay	
Frans. Turretine	
Wm. Fletcher	Saml. Carothers
Moses Thompson	John Moore
John McCleland	
Jas. Waddell	

Minrs.	Elders.
Tyrone Pby.	
John White	David Sloan
Wm. Kennedy	Saml. Barnes
John McCleland	Wm. Vance
Jas. Whiteside	
Moses Hogg	John Lawson
George Murray	Edwd. Pattison
Jas. Whiteside, Junr.	
Wm. Stitt	John Robinson
Joseph Smith	Wm. McCulloch
Wm. Moore	
Hugh Boyland	John Huggins
George Dougall	Quintin Dick
Bangor Pby.	
James Cochran	
Andrew Craig	Jas. Porter
David Trotter	Davd. Wilkie
Belfast Pby.	
Ssml. Patten	
Thos. Birch	Robt. Skelly
Sinclare Kilburn	
Letterkenny Pby.	
Hugh Delap	
James Delap	
Coleraine Pby.	
Wm. Knox	John Mollyneaux
Robt. Rentall	John Given
Robt. Henery	
Ballymena Pby.	
Charles Brown	John Cuming
Joseph Douglas	Robt. Rowan
John Lindsay	Robt. Russel
Jas. Cuming	Wm. McCrory
Robt. Cristy	Josh. Dickson
David Park	
Thos. Henery	
Dublin Pby.	
Benjamin McDowell	
William Wilson	

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Monaghan Pby.		Clogher Pby.	
William Spratt		Wm. Moorhead	
Thos. Stuart		James Kerr	
John Davies		Joseph Denham	Alexr. Marshall
Matt. Trimble	Wm. Blackburn	Wm. Johnston	Wm. Stuart
Robt. Montgomery	Jas. Simpson	Joseph King	
Wm. Miller	Andw. Rogers		
John Arnold	Theo. Irvine		
John McCurdie			
Robt. Rogers	Davd. Fleming		

Mr Murray moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod.—The following Brethern were named—Messrs Nelson, Livingstone, Black, Lewson, Barber, Patten, Rentall, Mr Charles Brown, McDowell, Stuart, Kennedy, and Moorhead—Mr McDowell was chosen. Mr Robt Smith was chosen Clerk in the Room of Mr Rogers, Decd.

The several Pbys are ordered to meet this night, and to prepare lists to be given to the Clk of this Synod to morrow morning, of their members for the several Commts of Overtures, Bills, Books, Funds, & General Synod's fixed Committee, also an acct of such Ministers as have died, been ordained, or installed, of Candidates licend, or entered upon trials since last G. Synod, and an acct of Annuitants on the fund, of any who have died, & of the time when such did die, and of women who have been Minister's wives, but are not on the Funds.

Mr Delap is ordered to preach to morrow morning at 9 o'clock, according to appointment of last G. Synod.

Mr Nelson having been next in vote to the Moderator now chosen, is ordered to preach on the 2d Day of this Synod's next meeting, at 9 o'clock before noon. This Session concluded with prayer.

2d Sessn

Wednesday 9 o'clock.

Mr Delap preached.—Returns were made by the several Presbys with accts as ordered, & the Committees are appointed to meet immediately.

Killeleagh Pby returns Mr Williamson, restored to the full exercise of his ministerial office, Septr 5th 1785, and Mr Arthur McMechan received under their care, with ample credentials from the Pby of Antrim, May 2d 1786.—That Mr Kennedy late of Belfast, died 24th of April last.—For the Committee of Overtures, Mr Nelson, & Doctr Dickson, for funds, Mr McCombe, for Bills, Mr Porter, for Synod's fixed Commte, Messrs Sinclair & Patterson.

Armagh Pby reports that Mrs Menogh died since last Synod, but do not know at what time; that they dissolved the relation between Mr Lindsay & the Congregation of Dundalk, & that they entered Mr Andrew Bryson upon trials for Ordination in that Congregation. They return for the Committee of Overtures, Messrs Livingstone, & Dickson,

for Bills, Mr Cuming, for Funds, Mr Sloan, & for Synod's fixed Committee Messrs Livingstone & Campbell.

Strabane Pby returns for Committee of Overtures, Mr Osborne and Doctor Crawford.—On the fund Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Turbit, and the family of Mr Walsh.

Derry Pby have licensed Messrs Henry & Gourly, ordained Mr Elder in Muff 4th of Feby 1786—He is a Contributor to the Widow's Fund. On the fund in the Pby are Mrs Cochran, Mrs Strawbridge, Mrs Hare, Mrs Walker, Mrs Hood, Mrs Walker, Mrs Lyle, and family of Mr Bond—Return for Synod's Committee, Messrs Law & Black, for Overtures Messrs Patten & Black, for Bills Mr Elder, & for Books Mr Brooke.

T.patrick Pby return Mr Adam Hill, installed August 16th 1785. He is a Contributor to the Widows Fund. Mr James Adams licenced 2d of Novr 1785, & Mr Rogers to have died 29th of April 1786, and Mrs Dunbar, Mrs White, Mrs Crawford, & the family of Mr Rogers on the fund. For Committee of Overtures, Messrs Lewson & Bankhead, funds, Mr Hill, bills, Mr Read, & for Synod's Committee—Messrs Montgomery & Bankhead.

Dromore Pby return on the funds, Mrs Semple, Mrs Nelson, and the family of Mr Kennedy, Mrs Richey to have died Octr 1785, Mrs Sims also to have died, the time not told. They have licenced Messrs Thos Henery, James McMahon, & John McCance, who all subscribed the W. Cn, and were licenced according to Synodical Regulations—They also return for Overtures, Messrs Patrick, Birch, and Thompson, for Bills, Messrs Hay and Turretine, Funds, Mr Fletcher, Books, Mr Waddell, and for Synod's Committee Messrs John Thompson and Hay.

Bangor Pby have licensed Messrs. Bryson and Porter. Return for Synod's Committee, Messrs. Hull & Bryson, for Overtures, Mr Cochran, for Bills, Mr Craig, for Books, Mr Trotter, Doctr Stevenson demitted 1st of August, 1785. On the fund Mrs Warnick, & Mrs Mitchell, and the family of Mr Stoupe.

Belfast Pby have licensed Mr Knox & Mr Tate, who subscribed the W.Cn. Have on the fund Mrs Kinkead—Mrs Malcom, died last March. They return for the Committee of Overtures Messrs. Birch & Patten, for Bills, Mr Kilburn, for Synod's Committee, Mr Birch.

L.kenny Pby have licensed Messrs. Orr & Nelson, have on the fund Mrs McGachy, Mrs Turretine, & Mrs Gordon. Return for Overtures Messrs. Alexander & Delap, for Synod's Committee Messrs. Delap & Taylor, & for Bills Mr James Delap.

Coleraine Pby return for the Committee of Overtures Mr Rentoul, for Bills, Mr Knox, & for Synod's Committee Messrs. Knox, & Marshall. They have licensed Messrs. Ramsey, Blair, and Whiteside. On trials, Messrs. Caldwell, Jackson, Elder, & Taggart. On the fund Mrs Thompson, Mrs Gaston, Mrs Smylie, Mrs Elder, and the family of Mr David Smylie.

Ballymena Pby return for the Committee of Overtures, Messrs. Douglas, Lindsay, and Cuming, for Bills, Messrs. Crolley & Henery, &

for Synod's fixed Committee, Messrs. Douglas & Lindsay. They have licenced Mr Linton according to Synodical regulations—ordained Mr Thos Henery at Randlestown 19th Inst. He is a Contributor to the Widows Fund. On the fund they have Mrs O'Bryan, Mrs Brown & Mrs Hill.

Dublin Pby return for the Committee of Overtures, Bills, & for the Synod's Committee, Mr Willson who is installed as one of the Ministers of Usher's Quay. On the fund Mrs Vance, Mrs Moore, and Mrs Caldwell, who has one child living.

Monaghan Pby return Mr Smith to have died the 7th of May last, He left a widow and family, and also on the fund Mrs Algoe, Mrs M'Kee, Mrs Warnick, Mrs Fleming, the family of Mr Carson, and the family of Mr Kennedy. Return for Overtures, Messrs. Stewart & Montgomery, & Trimble, for Bills, Messrs. Arnold, Rogers, & Miller, & for funds, Messrs Spratt & McCurdy.

Tyrone Pby have licensed Mr Wm Henery according to Synodical Regulations—He subscribed the W.M Cn—ordained Mr Hugh Boyland, at Minterburn Novr 15th 1785—& Mr George Dougal, at Maghrafelt May 30th 1786. They subscribed the W. M. Cn & are Contributors to the Widows Fund. Entered on trials, Messrs Saml Kennedy & John Smith. There are on the fund Mrs Duffin, Mrs Peebles, Mrs Orr, & the family of Mr Kerr. Returned for the Committee of Overtures, Messrs White, Murray & Stitt—for Bills, Messrs McCleland, Kennedy, Moor & Smith—Books, Messrs Boyland & Dougal—for Synod's Committee, Messrs White & Stitt—& for Synod's fund, Messrs Hogg & Whiteside.

Clogher Pby return Mr Mulligan to have died Jany. 1786. He left a widow and family. For Committee of Overtures, Mr Moorhead —for Bills, Mr Ker—Books, Mr Johnston—& for the Synod's fixed Committee, Mr King. Have entered upon [first trials] Mr David Johnston.

The several Committees to meet immediately.—Interloquitr to meet at half after 4 o'clock this evening. Open Synod at 7—It was moved & agreed, that Elders shall not be excluded from our Interloqtr.

This Session was concluded by prayer.

3 Session

Wednesday Evening, 7 o'clock.

It was moved that the minute relating to an Acadamy to be erected within the bounds of this Synod, & a resolution that Doctor Crawford is a fit person to direct and superintend an Acadamy in Strabane to be read; and after reading, this Synod heard with particular pleasure from undoubted authority, of the remarkable progress in knowledge, of the Students in the Strabane Acadamy instituted under their patronage, at their last meeting. And as an additional proof of their earnest desire to encourage that Seminary, & in compliance with the request of its Committee & subscribers, do unanimously resolve, that if Natural Philosophy, and a Course of experiments, shall be added to the

several Branches of Literature alredy taught there, a second season's attendance in it shall be considered as entitleing students to the same privileges in the several Pbys, with a second season's attendance in any foreign University.

And it was ordered that Messrs Young & Black of the Pby of Derry, Messrs Burke & Love of the Pby of L.kenny, Mr Hamil of the Pby of Strabane, and Mr White of the Pby of Tyrone be added as members of the present Committee, to assist in superintending the affairs of the Acadamy, to attend the public examinations, & to make annually a report to this Synod, of the improvement of the Students in the several Branches of Literature.

It was now moved that the time & place of the next meeting of this Synod be appointed—Lurgan & Dungannon were proposed—It carried Lurgan by vote, & to meet the last Tuesday of June 1787, at 5 o'clock in the evening.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to morrow morning, Interloq^tr^ at 7.—This Session concluded with prayer.

Thursday 11 *o'clock.* 4 Session

The minutes of last Synod were now read, and upon enquiry of the Committee met at Randlestown according to appointment, the minutes of that Committee were read & a protest of Messrs Thompson & Killburn, two members of it, against its proceedings, & their reasons in support of them,—And as the other members of that Committee now present, allege they had not an opportunity of seeing these reasons in due time, leave is given to answer them at our next meeting.

When the minute relating to Marriage was read, this Synod agreed that the expression duly certified contained in it, was not intended to lay aside proclamation—And whereas it was said by several members, that Messrs Hume, Blakely, M^c^Cala, Rogers & Dunn, Samuel Moore formerly of Root Pby, Messrs Brittell & M^c^Main are by common report flagrantly guilty of great irregularities, particularly of celebrating marriage contrary to all order, and improperly on many accounts, therefore the several Pbys in whose bounds they reside, are enjoined to cite them, before them & to make enquiry into the truth of these Complaints, and if they appear to be well founded, formally to degrade them from the ministerial Character, an account of which shall be read in every Congregation within the bounds of each Pby, where such Degradation shall take place, and be published in the most convent^t^ N-paper, and it is most strictly enjoined, that every Pby of this Synod, shall carefully inquire into every similar complaint, & proceed in the same manner against any minister so offending.

This Session concluded by prayer, & adjourned to half after six o'clock.

5 Session

[*Fifth Session.*]

Commissioners from Killead request that Mr Robert Orr, a Probationer under the care of the Revd Pby of L.kenny, be appointed to preach to them six Lord's days, commencing the 2d Sabbath of July next, which is granted. And Mr Montgomery of Balleeston, is appointed to preach at Killead the Sabbath following the last of Mr Orrs appointment there, & to take the minds of that Congregation respecting him, & to draw up a Call if he sees it proper to do so—Mr Montgomery is to be furnished by the Congregation with proper lists of those entitled to vote, ten Days before. A copy of the minute describing the qualifications of those who are to vote, was given to the Commissioners.

Commissioners from part of the Congregation of Lisluney appeared, & set forth that a Call to Mr McCadam had been drawn up by a member of the Pby of Monaghan, & subscribed in his presence by a number of that Congregation, which that Pby from the state of the people thought proper not to present for some time.—They therefore request this Synod to recommend it to Mr McAdam to return the call. But as this supplication was considered to come in irregularly before this Synod it was dismissed by vote.

A Petition of the Rev. Colin Lindsay was presented, complaining that the Pby of Armagh had dissolved the relation between him & his Congregation of Dundalk, & had threatened to silence him if he should perform ministerial duty, within the bounds of that Congregation. The Petn farther alledgeth that after an appeal to the S. Synod of Armagh, the affair between him & his Pby was referred to the Decision of this Synod, and requests that a Committee be appointed to meet at Dundalk to inquire into the merits of his petition.

A petition from some of the members of that Congregation was also laid before this Synod, complaining of the determination of the Pby of Armagh in the above stated affair, and requesting this Synod to rescind the sentence of that Pby, & grant the prayer of Mr Lindsay's petition—From the Session & Congregation of Dundalk, likewise appeared Commissioners with power to act in their name—The minutes of the S. Synod of Armagh were read, from which it appeared that Mr Lindsay's appeal was referred to this Synod—The minutes of the Pby of Armagh was also read, and the parties heard at considerable length, & having withdrawn, several members spoke upon the subject, after which the Question was put—Approve the sentence of the Pby of Armagh in dissolving the connection between Mr Lindsay, and the Congregation of Dundalk or not—It was carried in the negative. That part of Mr Lindsay's Prayer for a Committee to meet at Dundalk is granted, & the following members, Messrs Moore, Davies, Trimble, Smith of Loughbrickland, Hay, Porter, Magee, Killburn, Craig, Thos Birch, Doctor Dickson, Cochran, & Turretine, with Elders, (five Ministers with three Elders to be a Quorum) are appointed to meet at Dundalk on the 4 Wednesday of July, to try all complaints and charges, against the Revd Colin Lindsay, & finally to determine in what

relation he shall stand, both to this Synod & the Congregation of Dundalk, said Comm^ee^ hath power to put the Congregation under the care of any Pby to which they choose to join. Mr Andrew Bryson appointed to supply the Congregation until the meeting of the Committee—Mr Turretine to preach at it. Mr Lindsay is to be furnished with the copy of the charge or charges which are to be brought against him, ten days before the meeting of the Committee, & also with a list of the names of such witnesses as are to support the charge or charges.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock to morrow morning—Interloq^r^ at 7. This Session concluded with prayer.

[*Sixth Session.*] 6th Session

A Supplication from a part of the Congregation of Aughadowey to which nine names were subscribed, was presented, requesting that a minister of this Synod be appointed to preach to them one Lord's Day in every month, until the next meeting of this Synod.

After maturely considering the request, supplicants are allowed to be disannexed from the Congregation of Aughadowey & to join any other will receive them, upon this condition only, that they have paid or do pay all stipend due to them by Aughadowey, and when this condition is fulfilled, they are disannexed from it.

A Supplication from the Congregation of Moywater was given in, praying that a double portion of the R.D. may be allowed to their minister, which was refused.

The Moderator is requested to present the thanks of this Synod to the Right Honb^le^ Lord Kingston, for his attention & regard to Protestant Dissenters, expressed by his benefaction to the colony of Ballymote.

When the resolution relating to the supplication from Moywater was read, it was moved and ordered, that the Congregations of Sligo & Moywater shall each of them have a double portion of the R.D. new & old for this year,

The following overture from the Comm^ee^ of overtures was submitted to the consideration of this Synod, viz: It is recommended to the Several Pbys to take this overture into their serious consideration, & at the same time, to modify its contents, & the former regulations of this Synod concerning the education of youth for the Ministry, that they may be incorporated into one body to be adopted & established by this Synod—aproved.

Resolves of the Committee of Overtures:—

1st That every Candidate for the ministry, having finished his Academical & University Courses, according to Synodical regulations, must, before he is admitted to public examinations, make himself acquainted with all or the greater part of the members of that Pby under the care of which he chooses to place himself.

2d That the several members, who shall have an opportunity of conversing with him, shall enquire into his progress in learning & knowledge, & at their next meeting communicate their respective opinions concerning his capacity & improvement.

3d That a member of the Pby be appointed to superintend his further studies, particularly the study of Theology.

4th That the Pby shall mention the books in Theology they deem proper for him to read, & that he be not admitted to probationary examinations, until the Pby have reported that they are satisfied with his proficiency.

5th That at each examination, and upon giving in every piece of trial, he shall be obliged to give an acct of a certain determined book or other portion of Scripture, respecting the general design of the author of that portion of Scripture, & the meaning of such particular passages as may be occasionally demanded of him, & that untill a satisfactory knowledge of Theology & the Scriptures shall be acquired, he shall not be licensed to preach the Gospel.

The expediency of printing Copies of the minutes of this Synod to be considered at next meeting.

The Moderator concluded this Synod by prayer, June 30th 1786.

1 Interloqr

Wednesday half after 4 o'clock p.m.

The minute of the Interloqr of last Synod being read, allowing Mr Spratt a double portion of the R.D., some doubts having arisen about the extent of that order, it is now declared to be and to have been our Intention that it should not extend to the late Rl Grant.

A Letter from Mr Lang was read, directed to Mr Murray our former Moderator, informing him he had perfected jointly with James Johnston Esqr, a security to the G. Synod, as their Agent, & a bond drawn upon paper not stamped was produced which was not satisfactory, for that & other reasons, & therefore Messrs McDowell, Wilson, & Moore of Dublin, when furnished with copies of the several Royal Grants, & a letter of Atty from this Synod, are requested & intrusted, with such other Gentlemen as they shall think proper to join with them, to demand and take from Mr Lang such security as Counsel shall approve, both for its Legality & sufficiency.

And it is now ordered that a Letter of Atty. empowering our Agent receive, & directing him to dispose of the entire R.D for the use of this Synod be duly perfected—And Messrs Birch, Killburn, Wilson, & Lindsay, are appointed to draw up a letter of Atty for the above purpose—And Messrs White, Livingstone, Wilson & Black are appointed to answer Mr Lang's Letter, & fully to inform him of our sentiments and expectations, & to lay the letter before our next Interloqr.

Upon reading the minute relating to the Institution of an Acadamy in the bounds of this Synod, it was alledged to belong to the minutes of open Synod, which was admitted. Academy

When the minute of Mr Jackson's application to last Synod was read, the Question was put—shall Mr James Jackson be allowed to be a Contributor to the widows fund or not?—The roll was called, & it carried that Mr Jas Jackson is allowed to be a Contributor to the Ws Fund, upon paying all arrears due by him to the fund, with legal interest to the day of paymt, & his being punctual in his future annual payments.

Doctor Stevenson requested a similar indulgence by letter, and a like application was made in favour of Mr Rowan—it was unanimously granted to both, upon the above conditions. But if it shall appear at our Annual meetings, by our Agent's return, or by his receipts, that such subscriptions are not paid in due time by Messrs Jackson, Stevenson, & Rowan then he, or they in whose favour such report or recpt is not produced, shall be excluded from the benefit of this indulgence & forfeit all their claims on the fund, in behalf of his or their widow or widows, family or families.

[2d *Interloqr.*] 2 Interloqr

The minutes of the last Interloqr were read & a letter to Mr Lang requiring him to give satisfactory security to this Synod, as our Agent, which was approved & ordered to be engrossed by our Clk.—A Letter of Atty. was prepared as directed, read, and duly perfected, by our Moderator & Clerk.

The Trustees letter was read, & Messrs Murray & Stitt were appointed to answer it—It was proposed & appointed that Doctor Campbell is continued as our Commissioner.

[3rd *Interloqr.*] 3 Interloqr

A request was made that any sum of money, which should be given by the Congregation of Usher's Island, to the Representatives of the late Revd James Caldwell, and the Annuity due to his Widow, annually by the W. Fund, shall be paid to the Revd Andrew Alexander of Urnie, one of Mr Caldwell's Trustees—Granted.

Mr Thompson of Carnmony is appointed to apply to the family of the late Mr Rogers for all Books & papers in their hands belonging to the G. Synod, & to bring them to our next meeting.

Messrs Murray & Stitt answered the Trustees Letter, which with the Letter to Mr Lang & other papers, our Moderator was pleased to take into his Care.

A Gen. Synod at Lurgan, 26 June, 1787.

Mr McDowel Modr of the former Synod opened this by preaching from 2 Cor. II. 17.—Then constituted it by Prayer; after which were present from the several Presbyteries as followeth :—

Minrs.	Elders.
Armagh Presby.	
Henry Jackson	
Dr. Campbell	
Sam. Livingston	Robt. Boyd
Robt. Dickson	Wm. Donnovan
Sam. Sloan	
Thos. Cuming	
Strabane Presby.	
None	
Derry Presby.	
Robert Black	Mr. Robt. Moore
T. Patrick Presby.	
Thos. Read	Chas. Bankhead
Wm. Montgomery	
John Bankhead	
John Abernethy	
John Gibson	
Adam Hill	
John Savage	
Robt. Orr	Jas. Cuninghem
Dromore Presby.	
Wm. Henry	Mr. McCane
John Smyth	
Isaac Patrick	Alexr. Arnold
Robt. McClure	
Sam. Barber	
Jas. Birch	John Wallace
John Thomson	Wm. Carlisle
Dr. Little	Andw. Smyth
Joseph Hay	
John Sherrard	Hen. Dickson
Wm. Fletcher	John Paxton
Francis Turretine	
Wm. Magee	Dr. Law
John McClelland	
Jas. Waddell	
Clogher Presby.	
None	

Minrs.	Elders.
Bangor Presby.	
Jas. Hull	
Jas. Bryson	
Andw. Craig	Geo. Tandy
Robt. Jackson	
Alexr. Gouday	
David Trotter	
Belfast Presby.	
Thos. Birch	Saml. Burns
Sinclair Kilburn	
Geo. McEwen	John Knox
Robt. Carlisle	John McKinstry
L.kenny Presby.	
None	
Rout Presby.	
Alexr. Marshal	
B.menagh Presby.	
Jas. Cumming	
John Lindsay	
Thos. Henry	Dr. Adams
Dublin Presby.	
Ben. McDowel	
Monaghan Presby.	
Robt. Montgomery	John Brakey
John Arnold	David Fleming
Jas. McAdam	Robt. Purdie
Tyrone Presby.	
Jas. Todd	
John White	
Wm. Kennedy	
John McClelland	
Moses Hogg	
Geo. Murray	
Wm. Stitt	

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Tyrone Presby—continued.		Killyleagh Presby.	
Joseph Smyth	Hugh Eccles	Alexr. McComb	
Hugh Boyland		Moses Nelson	
		Dr. Dickson	Jas. McCance
		Robt. Porter	Aughtry Law.

1st Session Tuesday Evening.

Mr McDowel moved that another Moderator be chosen to preside in this Synod, when the following Brethren were named, viz: Messrs Robert Porter, Saml Livingston, Robert Black, Wm Montgomery, John Thomson, Andw Craig, Thos Birch, Alexander Marshal, Thos Henry, Robert Montgomery, & Wm Kennedy.—Mr Thomson was chosen—Mr Dickson chosen Clerk in the room of Mr Smyth deceased.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, & to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to morrow morning, of their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Funds, & Gen. Synods fixed Committee.—An account of such ministers as have died, been Ordained, or Installed, & of such candidates as have been Licensed, or entered upon Tryals since last Synod—Likewise an account of Annuitants on the Fund—of any that have died & of the time when such did die—also of Women in their Bounds who have been wives of ministers, & are not on the Fund.

Mr Nelson is ordered to preach to morrow morning at 9 o'clock, according to appointment of last Gen. Synod—And Mr Livingston having been next in votes to the Moderator chosen, is ordered to preach on the second day of this Synod's next meeting, at 9 o'clock before noon.

This Session concluded with Prayer.

2d Session Wednesday morning, after Prayer.

Mr Nelson preached.

Returns were made by the several Presbyteries & the accounts as ordered, and are as follow:—

Killyleagh Presby report, That the Revd Robert Smyth died the 15th Inst. On the fund with them Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Strong, & Mrs Smyth. Dead

Bangor Presby report, That since last meeting of Synod, they have licensed Mr John Porter, & taken Mr Geo. Dobbin under their care—They have on the Fund Mrs Mitchel & Mrs Warnick. Licensed

Armagh Presby report, That they Ordained the Revd Andw Bryson at Dundalk 15th Aug. 1786. He is a contributer to the widows Fund. They have on the Fund within their Bounds, Mrs Moody & Mrs Ferguson—Not on the Fund Mrs Stewart & Mrs Carlisle. Ordained

Dromore Presb^{y} have on the Fund Mrs White, Mrs Sempil, Mrs Nelson, & Family of the late Mr Kennedy of Morne.

Ordained Dead

L.kenny Presb^{y} report, That they ordained Mr Wm Ramsay at Raphoe 24th Aug. 1786, & that Mr Delap late of Omagh died 12th June 1787—Widows on the Fund within their Bounds Mrs Turretine, M^{rs} McGaughey, Mrs Gordon, & Mrs Delap.

Dead

Belfast Presb^{y} have on the Fund Mrs Kinkead, & report that Mr Thos Kennedy died 7th Feb. last, & left a widow & Family. They have on Extra judicial Tryals Messrs Wm Whitlaw, Ja^{s} Gouday, & Ja^{s} Malcomson.

Ordained

Monaghan Presb^{y} report, That they Ordained the Revd James Walker, at Drum 11th Decr 1786, & the Revd James McAdam, at Lissluney, 14th March, 1787. Both contributers to the widows Fund and subscribers to the Westm. Conf. of Faith; also Report, That Mrs Harris died the latter end of May last and left a Family. On the Fund within their Bounds, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Algoe, Mrs Makee, Mrs Warnock, Mrs Fleming, Family of Mr Carson, & Family of Mrs Harris.

Dead

Licensed Dimitted Dead

Derry Presby report, That they have licensed M^{r} McIlree. That Mr Davidson dimitted his charge of the cong^{on} of Taboyne in October last, and that Mr And^{w} Ferguson of Burt, died 30th Jan^{ry}, 1787, & left a Family. They have on the Fund Mrs Strawbridge, Mrs Hare, Mrs Walker, Mrs Hood, Mrs Walker, Mrs Lisle, Family of Mr Bond, & Family of Mr Ferguson.

Licensed

Clogher Presby have licensed Mr David Johnston, Novr last. Have on first Tryals Mr Francis Hall, & on second Tryals Mr Joseph Davison. On the fund Mrs Scot, Family of Mr Boyle, Family of Mr Mulligan.

Dead Ord^{d} Licensed

T.Patrick Presby report, That Mr Cowan died 2^{d} March last, & left a widow & Family. Also report, That they ordained Mr Robert Orr at Killead, 2^{d} Jan^{ry} last, who is a contributer to the Widows Fund. Have licensed Messrs. John Murphy & Robert Acheson, & have on the Fund Mrs Dunbar, & Family of Mr Rogers.

B.menagh Presb^{y} have on the Fund M^{rs} O'Brien, Mrs Hill, & Mrs Brown.

Dublin Presb^{y} report, That the widows on the Fund within their Bounds, are Mrs Vance, & Mrs Moore, & that Mrs Caldwell, removed to Lifford better than a year ago, & they know not whether she be living or not.—They have entered Mr Nicholas Ward Kennedy on first Tryals.

Licensed

Tyrone Presb^{y} have licensed Mr Saml Kennedy & Mr John Smyth, according to Synodical Regulations—They subscribed the Con. of Faith. Have on first Tryals Messrs Petterson & Lawson,—On the fund Mrs Peebles, Mrs Duffin, Mrs Orr, & family of Mr Ker.

Dead

Rout Presb^{y} report, That the Revd Robert Ewing died 23^{d} Sept^{r}, & the Revd Jacob Davis 30th Decr 1786.—The former left a widow, not

on the Fund.—The latter a widow, on the Fund.—They have licensed Mr Archibald Taylor & Mr Joseph Caldwell, & have on first Tryals, Messrs Elder, Jackson, Taggart, Martin, & Steel. Licensed

Gen. Synods Fixed Committee:—

Presby Armagh, Dr Campbell & Mr Livingston.

Bangor, Messrs Hull & Bryson.

Killylea, Messrs Sinclair & Petterson.

Dromore, Messrs McClure & Barber.

Belfast, Messrs Birch & McEwen.

Monaghan, Messrs Montgomery & Trimble.

Derry, Messrs Law & Black.

T.Patrick, Messrs Bankhead & Abernethy.

Presby Dublin, Mr Hugh Moore.

B.menagh, Messrs Rankin & Lindsay.

Tyrone, Messrs White & Stitt.

Rout, Messrs Rentoul & Thomson.

Clogher, Mr King.

Letterkenny, Strabane, } No return.

On reading the minute of last Synod respecting the Strabane Academy, The following Reports from the members that attended the examinations were produced & read. Academy.

1. That they attended the General Examination on the 1st Feb. 1787, when the students shewed such Proficiency in the several Sciences of Logick, Metaphysicks, Mathematicks, Natural Philosophy, Rhetorick, & the Critical Knowledge of the Latin Language, as was highly satisfactory to the Committee; & gave the fullest Proofs of the abilities & attention of the masters—Andw Alexander, Robt Black, Joseph Love, Hugh Hamill. Report

2. Strabane, May 1st 1787. We the undernamed attended an Examination of the Students in the following Branches of Moral Philosophy, viz: Ethicks, Oconomicks, & Jurisprudence,—of Natural Philosophy, viz: Electricity, Opticks, Astronomy, & Magnetism—of the Greek Language, critically & by Analisis—of Mathematicks, viz: Algebra, the Terrestrial, & Celestial Globes,—In all which the Students gave good Proofs of their Intelligence & Application, & of their having studied with Profit & Advantage under able & Indefatigable Masters.—Andw Alexander, David Young, Joseph Love, Robert Black, Hugh Hamill.

The Synod expressed the highest satisfaction with the above Reports.

Interloqr at 5 o'clock in the evening. Open Synod at 7—Adjourned.

3d Session Wednesday Evening after Prayer.

It was moved that the time & place of the meeting of next Gen. Synod should now be fixed, when it was unanimously agreed, to meet at Lurgan the last Tuesday of June 1788 at 5 o'clock in the Evening.

Mr McMean

Mr Black is appointed to inform the Presby of Letterkenny of a report commonly prevailing, That Mr McMean residing in their Bounds, had been guilty of Irregularly celebrating marriages, and to enjoin them by the Authority of this Synod to enquire into the Report, & to proceed according to the Rule entered into by this Synod, in the year 1785.

Marriage

The minute of the Synod, of the year 1785, respecting marriage was ordered to be read, & is as follows :—" Any member of this Synod, who shall join in marriage any man or woman not under his Pastoral care, if not duly certified by the minister or Session of the Congon of which they are members, shall for the first offence be suspended *ab officio* for three months, & for the second be degraded. And when either of the Parties shall be a member of the Established Church, he shall not celebrate any matrimonial contract without the consent in writing of the Rector, Curate, or other officiating Clergyman of the Parish in which said party shall be a Resident, under Pain of incurring the like Penalties." Whereupon it was resolved—That inasmuch, as this Rule has hitherto in some measure, been Ineffectual, by reason of mistaken Lenity, in not prosecuting such as have offended—We do strictly Enjoin and Require, That every offender be prosecuted most unequivocally by the Minister or Ministers against whom the offence has been more immediately committed, upon Pain of incurring the Censure of the Synod, and farther—We do strictly enjoin & require all Sessions within the Bounds of this Synod, to suspend from Privileges all such Persons as shall be irregularly married, and not to restore them, untill they make a publick acknowledgment of their offence & submit to be regularly married.

This minute to be read in all Congregations within our Bounds the first Sabbath of September next.

Lindsay & Dundalk

The Sentence of the Committee of the Synod which met at Dundalk to determine the affair of Mr Colin Lindsay was read, & is as follows :—" That tho' the Facts proved seemed to argue Indiscretion & Imprudence, unbecoming a Minister of the Gospel :—Yet no charge of Immorality was so supported, as in their Judgment to affect the Relation, in which Mr Lindsay has stood to the Synod of Ulster. And as to the Relation in which Mr Lindsay shall hereafter stand to the Congon of Dundalk, the committee was not under the Necessity of pronouncing any Judgment; as Mr Lindsay freely gave them a Resignation in writing of the Pastoral charge of that Congregation. The Resignation was accepted, & the Congregation declared vacant.

Signed by order,

FRANCIS TURRETINE, Modr."

The conduct of the committee approved by the Synod.

Interloq^{r} to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock; open Synod at 10 Adjourned. This Session concluded with Prayer

4th Session Thursday morning, after Prayer.

On reading the minute of the former Session of this Synod, relating to marriage, the Revd Wm Henry entered his Protest, against the Synod's Rule obliging ministers of their Body to prosecute every minister who may have solemnised marriage between any of his or their Hearers without Certificates; and gave in the following Reasons : Protest

"1. Because this Act is too general, & makes no distinction "between such Offenders as wilfully transgress, & such as by "mistaking the Parties or either of them as belonging to his own "Cong^{on} may have fallen into the snare.

"2. In this last case a Prosecution ought not to be instituted "by any minister—And to compell him to prosecute, I deem highly "unreasonable & that it can serve little purpose, but to raise Discord "among neighbouring Ministers & their Congregations.

"3. Because the Penalty of suspension for the first & Degrada- "tion for the Second Offence, in the former Act of Synod, is "disproportioned to the supposed Demerit of an Action so "circumstanced.

WM. HENRY.

In which Protest & for the same Reasons the following members joined Viz: Revd Messrs Wm Kennedy, Ja^{s} Cuming, Dr Little, John Bankhead, Samuel Barber, & Thos Henry.

The following Overtures were proposed & unanimously agreed to by this Synod :— Overtures

1. That a Committee of Accounts shall be appointed on the first day of every future meeting, in order to inspect the accounts of our Agent & report at the first Interloq^{r}—And that our Agent be hereby instructed to be very careful that his accounts be at the place in which this Synod shall meet on the Post Day preceding the last Tuesday in June every year. 1st

2. That the Clerk of each Sub Synod shall bring his Books to the Annual Meeting of this Synod, to be laid before the Com^{tee} of Books, that each Sub Synod, Presbytery & Session shall pay attention to their Books. 2d

3. That no Presbytery shall give credentials to any Minister, untill said Minister shall have given in his Demission of his Pastoral Charge.—Nor shall any Probationer obtain credentials from his Presbytery, unless directed to some other Presbytery ; or in case of his going out of the Kingdom.—And if any Presbytery within the Bounds of this Synod, may have given Credentials to any of their number who still holds his charge, such Presby is enjoined to recall those Credentials. 3d

Bequest to Banbridge.

Mr Jackson reported that a Bequest of ten pounds had been made by Philip McWilliam, to certain Trustees, to be by them laid out at Interest, & the Interest to go to the Dissenting minister of Banbridge for the time being for ever—Another Bequest of the same kind for the same purpose by Mr John Fleming of Banbridge, of ten Guineas, and another of Twenty pounds by Mr Robert McClelland, for the same purpose. All which Bequests are now well secured.

Mr Lindsay

Mr Colin Lindsay having Petitioned this Synod "That he should be allowed stipend untill the day of his Resignation to the Synods Comtee—That Credentials may be given him.—That he may be taken under the care of whatever Presby should be willing to receive him.—And that his Proportion of the R.D. may be continued to him."—A Question was put on the first part of this Petition "Is Mr Lindsay entitled to stipend untill the time of his Resignation to the Comtee, or not"?—The Roll was called & it carried—"Entitled."

It is earnestly recommended to the congon of Dundalk, to pay Mr Lindsay the stipend up to the Day of his Resignation, & it is ordered, That Mr Robt Montgomery shall read this minute to the Congon the first Sab. of August next, & that Mr Bryson shall exchange Pulpits with Mr Montgomery that Day.

Interloqr at half an hour after 5 o'clock. Open Synod at the conclusion of the Interloqr—Adjourned.

5th Session Thursday Evening, after Prayer.

Synod's Comsrs

It was moved that Dr Campbell & Mr McDowel should be appointed Commissrs from this Synod, & are accordingly appointed.

Mr Lindsay

Mr Lindsay by order of Synod put under the care of the Presbytery of Monaghan.

This Synod concluded with Prayer.

1st Interloqr, Wednesday Evening.

Mr Lang

Mr McDowell reported to this Interloqr that he, in conjunction with Messrs Wilson & Moore, had pursuant to Order of last Synod, taken such security from Mr Jas Lang, as to them & to council seemed both sufficient & legal.

Mr Rowan

Upon reading the minute of the Interloqr of last year, respecting Mr Rowan, it was stated: That by some mistake Mr Rowan had not Information, of the Synod's Resolution in his favour. He is therefore allowed untill the first day of Septr next to make good his Payment, in which case only, he shall be entitled to the benefit of the former Resolution.

2d Interloqr. Thursday Morning.

Synod's Records

Our Moderator is desired to bring such Records of this Synod, as are now in his possesion, to our next meeting.

An application was made to this Synod by Mrs Orr, complaining that part of her annuity had been detained.

Mr Kilburn, is ordered to write to Mr Lang, desiring him particufarly to enquire into that matter & to cause the arrears (if any) to be paid to her or her order. Mrs Orr

Messrs McDowel, & Wilson, are ordered to have Mr Lang's Bond signed by Mr Johnston & then to declare a Trust & take such steps for Registering said Bond, & Declaration of Trust, as they shall be advised by Council. Mr Lang's Bond

On reading Mr Lang's Letter in which he states the amount of the Widows Fund, it was observed: That on comparing the Capital of our Fund on the 17th of June 1786, which he states at £11260 19s 10½d with the particular sums, there appears to be the sum of £1360 19s 10½d unaccounted for. Fund

Resolved that it be an Instruction to the members appointed to answer Mr Lang's Letter, to take notice of this Omission.

Mr White, Dr Campbell & Mr Murray, appointed to answer the Trustees Letter: Dr Dickson & Mr Livingston to answer Mr Lang's.

3d *Interloqr. Thursday Evening.*

Mr Colin Lindsay's Petition: "That his Proportion of the R.D. may be continued to him" was considered, by this Interloqr & it was resolved to grant it for one year. Mr Lindsay

It was moved & unanimously agreed to by this Interloqr that the sum of thirteen pounds, fourteen shills & seven pence halfpenny, shall be paid by our Agent to Mrs Smyth widow of the late Clerk of this Synod. Mrs Smyth

It was also moved & unanimously agreed to, that a Double Portion of the King's Bounty, Old & New shall be allowed to the Revd Mr Cameron of Dunluce for this year. Mr Cameron

Inserted by

ROBERT DICKSON, G. Synod's Clerk.

7th September, 1787.

A General Synod at Lurgan, 24 *June* 1788.

Mr John Thomson Moderator of the former Synod opened this by preaching from 2 Cor. iv. 5. Then constituted it by Prayer; after which were present from the several Presbyteries as followeth:

Minrs.	Elders.
Strabane Presby.	
Joseph Osborne	
Derry Presby.	
Robert Black	Wm. Armstrong
T. Patrick Presby.	
Thos. Read	
John Bankhead	J. Bankhead, Jun.
John Abernethy	Jas. Adams
John Gibson	Jas. Cuningham
John Savage	
Adam Hill	
Robert Orr	Jas. M'Master
Dromore Presby.	
Wm. Henry	
Isaac Patrick	
Robert McClure	
Sam. Barber	Jas. Todd
Jas. Birch	James McAdam
John Thomson	Geo. White
Joseph Hay	
Dr. Little	Thos. Lindsay
John Sherard	Wm. Copeland
Francis Turretine	Gordon McMurry
Wm. McPherson	Geo. Potts
Wm. Magee	Dr. Law
Wm. Fletcher	Thos. Makee
John McClelland	
Jas. Waddell	
Bangor Presby.	
Andw. Craig	
David Trotter	
Jas. Porter	Saml. Hunter
Belfast Presby.	
Jas. Malcom	John Kelsey
Thos. Birch	John McKean
Saml. Patten	
Andw. Grier	

Minrs.	Elders.
Belfast Presby—continued.	
Sinclair Kilburn	
Geo. McEwen	
Robt. Carlisle	
Joseph Harrison	
Rout Presby.	
Henry Henry	
Ballymena Presby.	
Jas. Cuming	John Campbell
John Lindsay	
Dublin Presby.	
Ben. McDowel	
Hugh Moore	
Monaghan Presby.	
Thos. Stewart	John Grier
Wm. Moore	
Wm. Millar	
Matt. Trimble	Wm. Charleton
Robt. Montgomery	John Gibson
John Arnold	
Jas. McAdam	
Colin Lindsay	
Jas. Whiteside	
Clogher Presby.	
Jas. Davison	
Tyrone Presby.	
Jas. Todd	
Wm. Kennedy	Wm. Hallidy
Jno. McClelland	Wm. Duff
Moses Hogg	Robt. Kennedy
Geo. Murray	
Wm. Stitt	
Joseph Smyth	David Murphy
Hugh Boyland	Jas. Davidson

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Killyleagh Presby.		Armagh Presby.	
Moses Nelson		Hen. Jackson	Phil. Graham
Dr. Dickson	Jas. Maxwell	Dr. Campbell	
Robt. Porter	Aughtry Law	Saml. Livingston	John Porter
Jas. Sinclair		Robert Dickson	
Jas. Petterson		Thos. Cuming	Joseph Bell
		Andw. Bryson	
		Letterkenny Presby.	
		None.	

Mr Thomson moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod, when the following Brethren were named, (viz) Messrs John Bankhead, Robert Black, Saml Barber, Andw Grier, Hugh Moore, Wm Moore, Wm Kennedy, Moses Nelson, & Saml Livingston. The Roll was called & Mr Kennedy chosen.—Mr Dickson continued Clerk.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, & to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning of their members for the Several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Funds, & G. Synod's fixed Comtee.—An account of such ministers as have died, been ordained or Installed; & of such candidates, as have been Licensed or entered on Tryals, since last Synod.—An Account of Annuitants on the Fund.—Of any that have died, & of the time when such did die.—Also of women in their Bounds, who have been wives of ministers & are not on the fund.

Mr Livingston is ordered to preach to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock according to appointment of last Gen. Synod; & Mr Barber having been next in votes to the Moderator chosen (except Mr Livingston) is ordered to preach on the second Day of this Synod's next meeting, at 9 o'clock before noon.

Pursuant to a Resolution of last Synod., "That a committee should be appointed to inspect the accounts of our Agent" the following members were returned (viz.): from Strabane Presby Mr Osborne, from Derry, Mr Black, from T.Patrick, Mr Bankhead, from Dromore, Mr John Thomson, from Bangor Mr Porter, from Belfast, Mr Kilburn, from Dublin, Mr McDowel, from Monaghan. Mr Moore, from Tyrone, Mr Stitt, from Killyleagh, Mr Nelson, from Armagh, Dr Campbell, & from the Presby of Antrim, Mr Wm Bryson.—They are to meet in the Vestry Room to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Adjourned untill to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Session concluded with Prayer.

2d Session Wednesday Morning, after Prayer.

Mr Livingston preached according to appointment.

Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of members for the several Committees—Also the accounts as ordered which are as follow :—

Dromore Presby have on the Fund, Mrs Semple, Mrs Nelson, Mrs White, & family of the late Mr Kennedy, of Morne.

Armagh Presby have on the fund, Mrs Moody & Mrs Ferguson; not on the fund Mrs Stewart, & Mrs Carlisle.

Ordd Licensed

Monaghan Presby report that they have ordained Mr Jas Whiteside, at Stonebridge the 5th of Septr last, who is a contributer to the widows fund ; & have licensed Dr Flemming who subscribed the W.C. of Faith—Annuitants on the fund in their Bounds are, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Algoe, Mrs Makee, Mrs Warnock, Mrs Fleming & families of Mr Carson, Mr Harris, & Mr Kennedy.

Killyleagh Presby have on the fund Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Strong, & Mrs Smyth.

Dead Ordd

Belfast Presby report that Mr Alexander died the 18th Novr, 1787—That they ordained Mr Joseph Harrison, in Hollywood the 4th of March last, who is a contributer to the widows fund —That they have on Tryals Messrs Gouday, Whitlaw, Malcomson, & McKean. And that they have on the fund Mrs Kinkead, Mrs Kennedy, & family of Mr Alexander.

Ordd Dead

Derry Presby report that the ordained Mr Goorly, in Taboyne, the 1st of Novr last, who is a contributer to the widows fund, & that Mrs Strawbridge died since last Meeting of Synod. They have on the fund Mrs Hare, Mrs Walker, Mrs Hood, Mrs Walker, Mrs Lisle, & families of Mr Bond, & Mr Ferguson.

Dead Licensed

Dublin Presby report that Mrs Vance died the 25th Octr last. That they have licensed Mr Nicholas Ward Kennedy, who subscribed the W.C. of Faith—& that they have on the fund Mrs Moore.

Licensed Trials

Tyrone Presby report that Mr White died the 20th of Octr last & left a family.—That they have licensed Messrs Petterson, & Lawson, according to Synodical Regulations, & who subscribed the W. C. of Faith.—Have entered Mr McCay, on Second Tryals.—And have on the Fund Mrs Duffin, Mrs Peebles, Mrs Caldwell, Mrs Orr, & family of Mr White.

Strabane Presby report, That they have on the fund, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Torbet, & family of Mr Walsh.—Have licensed Mr Henderson—& have on first Tryals, Mr Dunlop, & Mr Hewston.

Ballymena Presby have on the fund Mrs O'Brian, Mrs Hill, & Mrs Brown.

T.Patrick Presby have on the fund Mrs Dunbar, Mrs Cowan, & family of Mr Rogers.

Ordd

Rout Presby have ordained Mr Henry Henry, at Garvagh, the 13th of May last, & Mr Daniel Blair, at Newtonlimavaddy the latter

end of the same month. Both contributers to the widows fund, & subscribers to the W. C. of Faith. They have also licensed Messrs Elder, Jackson, Taggart, & Martin. Licensed

Bangor Presby have ordained, Mr Ja^s Porter, of Gray-Abby, the 31st of July 1787. He is a contributer to the widows fund.

Clogher Presby report that they ordained Mr Ja^s Davison, in the united Cong^ons of Aughnacloy & Ballygawly, the 10th July, 1787. He is a contributer to the widows fund. Since last meeting of Synod they have licensed Mr Ja^s Hall, agreeably to Synodical Regulations. Have on Tryals Mr Booth Caldwell, & Mr Ben. Hall; and on the fund Mrs Scott, family of Mr Boyle, & family of Mr Mulligan. Ord^d

From Letterkenny Presby no return.

Genl Synod's fixed Committee for the Year 1788:—

For Armagh Presby, Dr Campbell & Mr Livingston, with an Elder.

Dromore Messrs Barber & J. Thomson, with an Elder.

Monaghan Messrs Moore & Montgomery, with an Elder.

Killyleagh Messrs Sinclair & Petterson, with an Elder.

Belfast Mr Birch, with an Elder.

Derry Messrs Law & Black, with an Elder.

Dublin Mr Wilson, with an Elder.

Tyrone Messrs Murray & Stitt, with an Elder.

Ballymena Messrs Rankin & Lindsay, with an Elder.

T. Patrick Messrs Bankhead & Abernethy, with an Elder.

Clogher Mr Johnston, with an Elder.

Letterkenny,
Bangor,
Rout,
Strabane,
} No Return.

On reading the Return of last year made by the Presby of Bangor, of a licensed candidate, A motion was made, "That said Return being Irregular should not be received." Motion made

The consideration of this motion deferred untill next Sederunt. Deferred

Open Synod at 5 o'clock. Adjourned. Session concluded with Prayer.

3^d Session Wednesday Evening, after prayer.

The consideration of the Motion made in the former Session, respecting the Return of a Candidate licensed by Bangor Presbytery, was now resumed, when the members who made & seconded the Motion, for the Sake of Peace, withdrew it. Withdrawn

Synod's Meeting

It was unanimously agreed, that this Synod shall meet at Lurgan the last Tuesday of June, 1789, at 5 o'clock in the Afternoon.

Mr McMeans

Whereas no member of the Presbytery of Letterkenny, has attended the present Meeting of this Synod, to give any Information, respecting Mr McMean.—And whereas a Report still prevails that he persists in his former Practice of Solemnizing Marriage in an Irregular Manner.—The Clerk of this Synod is ordered to write a letter to Mr Alexander, to be communicated to the Presby of Letterkenny; requiring them to make Inquiry into that matter, & to proceed according to the former Order of Synod; and that, that Presby shall attend our next meeting, & report concerning the same.

Mr Lindsay & Dundalk

A Petition from Mr Colin Lindsay having been presented to this Synod Supplicating, "That his Proportion of the King's Bounty may be continued to him, & that the Stipend due by the congregation of Dundalk may be ordered to be paid to him." The Synod resolved that a letter shall be written by the Revd Wm Moore to that congregation, Expressing the Synod's concern that, their former Recommendation had not been complied with; and enjoining them to pay Mr Lindsay up to the day of his Resignation, or to send Commissioners to our next meeting to shew Reason why they do not.

The consideration of that part of the Petition respecting the R.D. referred to the Interlocutor.

Stewartstown

A Petition signed by more than One Hundred Persons, (Twenty three of whom formerly belonged to the Congregation of Brigh) was presented to this Synod, Stating:—"That they were building a meeting house in Stewartstown, & supplicating this Synod to Authorise & Desire the Presbytery of Tyrone, in due time to ordain a minister among them, to whom they were willing to pay fifty pounds ℔ Annum, and in the meantime to grant them supplies from the first Sab. of August next."

Brigh

A Supplication from the Congon of Brigh was also presented to this Synod, in which they set forth—"That by granting the above Petition, the Peace & Harmony of the Congon of Brigh, were in danger of being disturbed, & Interrupted; That it would be a bad Precedent; and that it was not Inconvenient for the Inhabitants of the Town & Neighbourhood of Stewartstown to attend at their usual place of worship."

After hearing the Commissioners on both sides at considerable length & reasoning on the subject, the Question was put, "Grant the Petition or not?" The Roll was called & it carried "Not."

Interloqr tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock. Open Synod at 11. Adjourned. Session concluded with Prayer.

4th Session Thursday morning, after Prayer.

Protest

A Protest signed Thos Stewart, Wm Moore, Wm Millar, members of the Presbytery of Monaghan, against a Resolution of another part of

that Presby, for granting a Supplication from part of the congregation of Bally James Duff was presented to this Synod, which Resolution Protesters alledge was obtained Unfairly, Partially, & not according to the usual mode of proceeding in Presbys.

The Synod after considering the affair at large & deliberating upon it, were unanimously of Opinion, that said Protest is well founded; and the Synod enjoin the Presby of Monaghan to Eraze said Resolution from their minutes, and to pay greater Attention to Regularity for the future.

N. T. Ards

Mr Kilburn moved, That Mr McCay a Probationer under the care of the Presbytery of Tyrone, may be appointed to supply the Congon of Newtonards two Lds Day's commencing the first of July. The Question was put, "Appoint or not?" The Roll was called, & it carried "Not" by a great majority.

Bally : James : Duff

It being stated to this Synod, That two supplications, from opposite Parties of the congon of Bally James Duff, for an hearing of different Candidates, had been presented to the Presbytery of Monaghan; In consequence of what appeared in this Case the Synod were of opinion that both should be set aside. On which the Presby of Monaghan requested this Synod, to appoint some Probationer under their care, to supply the congon of Bally James Duff for one month, alledging that such appointment would be the most probable means of healing the Divisions which at present subsist in that Congregation; & of promoting its peace & Interest.

The Synod agreed to this Request; However it was unecessary to proceed upon it, as the Commissioners from the two contending Parties happily agreed in supplicating an hearing of Mr Samuel Kennedy a Probationer, under the care of the Presby of Tyrone, for the four Lds Days in July next. This Granted. And the Presby of Monaghan is enjoined to send one of their number to Bally James Duff on the first Lds Day in August, to poll the Congregation & draw up a call for Mr Kennedy if he sees fit.

Vinecash & Richhill

A Supplication of the united congregations of Vinecash & Richhill was presented to this Synod, Praying that young men may be appointed to supply those Congregations, as their present minister Mr Todd through Infirmities, & old age, was unable to discharge the Duties of his office among them.

The Presbytery of Tyrone is enjoined to meet at Vinecash the first Thursday after the first Sab. in August next, to settle matters between Mr Todd & his Congons; and to see that they Shall secure to him for life such Provision as their Circumstances allow, and in consequence thereof to appoint supplies to those Congregations.

Interloqr at 5 o'clock. Open Synod at 7. Adjourned.

Session concluded with Prayer.

5th Session, Thursday Evening, after Prayer.

Overtures

The following Overtures were unanimously agreed to by this Synod:—

1st Minutes to be printed

1. Whereas a manuscript Copy of the Minutes of this Synod for each Presbytery is deemed Insufficient for the Purposes for which it is designed, on account of the Delay with which it is attended, & the Impossibility of communicating by it the Knowledge of our proceedings to the respective Sessions & Congregations within our Bounds—That from & after the present year, our Minutes shall be printed annually, & a copy of them sent to each Minister & another to each Session: that a knowledge of our Discipline & Proceedings may be generally diffused among our People & said Minutes be *in retentis* by the Clerk of Session in each Congregation respectively—The expence of printing said Minutes to be defrayed by this Synod.

2d Circular Letter

2. That, whereas many Ministers & Sessions have been shamefully defective; The former in absenting themselves from Presbyteries & Synods—The Latter in neglecting to depute Elders for these purposes—A Circular letter on that subject be written by this Synod to be hereafter forwarded together with our Minutes by our Clerk to every Minister & Session as above; and that the Revd Messrs Hen. Jackson, John Thomson, James Birch, Robert McClure, Wm Magee, Dr Dickson, & Dr Campbell, be & hereby are appointed a committee to prepare the same in order to be laid before us at our next meeting.

3d Visitors to be appointed

3d. That Two members of this Body shall be annually appointed to visit the frontier Congregations & other places in the West & South West parts of this Kingdom where there are any Protestant Dissenters settled—To preach—To inquire into the conduct of Ministers, & the state of the Congregations—To observe where it would be advisable to send Preachers—To inquire into the conduct of such as may at any time be sent by the Synod, & the success of their Preaching—and to report to the ensuing Synod—And the expence of said Visitors be paid out of the fund of the Synod.

This agreed to with this Limitation—That such Visitors or Preachers shall always be members, & subject to the Controul of this Synod; and that they or any of them shall not preach within four miles of any Meeting house, or place of publick worship, belonging to Protestant Dissenters, & in which a Protestant Dissenting Minister may be regularly settled, without consent of said Minister; nor of any vacancy in the Bounds of any Presbytery, without the Approbation, and appointment of said Presbytery.

Mr McDowel visitor

Mr McDowel appointed Visitor for the ensuing year and impowered to chuse a Colleague.

Open Synod to morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Adjourned.

Session concluded with Prayer.

6th Session Friday Morning after Prayer.

Visit Jails

It is recommended to the several Ministers who live contiguous to County Jails, to visit such persons of our communion as are in confinement.

Mr Trimble gives notice, that he will next year move, That every Minister hereafter to be ordained to the charge of a congregation under our Care & become a contributer to the widows Fund; shall appropriate to the same the whole of his first years R.D. as it now does, or hereafter may stand. Notice of a motion

Resolved that a committee be appointed on the first day of next meeting, to prepare the minutes for the Press.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with Prayer.

1st Interloqr Thursday Morning.

Mr McDowel produced a Bond for 3000 pounds perfected in Trust to him & Mr Wilson by Messrs Jas Lang, Robert Mercer, & Richard Mercer, of the City of Dublin, being a Security for the faithful discharge of the Trust reposed in the said Jas Lang as Agent for our R.D. As also a Deed of Trust perfected, by the aforesaid Messrs McDowel, & Wilson, which Declaration of Trust is deposited in the Hands of Revd Wm Magee of Lurgan, as appears by the underwritten acknowledgement— Bond & Declaration of Trust

I do hereby acknowledge to have received the above mentioned Declaration of Trust.

WM. MAGEE.

Dr Campbell & Mr Murray are appointed to answer the Trustees Letter. Dr Dickson, Mr Livingstone & Mr Thomson to answer Mr Langs.

Resolved that it be an Instruction to the members appointed to answer Mr Lang's letter to request him to make Inquiry, If the Trustees for the Widows Fund have declared a Trust? What number of them have declared it? And in whose hands is the Declaration lodged. Inquiry

The Revd Messrs Benjamin McDowel, William Wilson, & Hugh Moore are appointed Trustees of the Widows Fund by this Interloqr. Trustees appointed

Mr Colin Lindsay's Petition, "that his Proportion of the R.D. may be continued to him," was considered by this Interloqr and it was unanimously Resolved not to grant it. Mr Lindsay

2d Interloqr Thursday Evening.

Mr Jas Jackson is ordered to be put into the list of subscribers to the Widows Fund. Mr Jackson

A motion was made, that a Double portion of the R.D. should this year be paid to the Revd Mr Cameron of Dunluce. It passed in the affirmative. Mr Cameron

A Resolution was moved, that where there shall be two or more ministers in one Congregation (Excepting the ministers now living) they shall receive no more than one annual share of the Royal Bounty. Resolution respecting R.D.

The above Resolution agreed to.

Resolved that the several Volumes of the Records of the Gen. Synod, now in the Possession of the Revd John Thomson, containing our Records for the years 1691, 1692, 1694; and from the year 1697 to 1737 Inclusive, shall remain under his Care, untill their Binding shall be repaired, & when repaired, be transmitted to the Revd Mr Magee of Lurgan, who has engaged to take particular care of them.

Draughts of Letters to the Trustees of the Widows Fund, & Mr Lang, were read & approved by this Interloq^{r}

Inserted 4th Sepr 1788, by

ROBERT DICKSON,
Clk. of G. Synod.

A Genl Synod at Dungannon, 2d Decr, 1788.

A Gen. Synod *pro re nata* having been called by the Moderator to meet at Dungannon, the 2d day of Decr 1788, for the purpose of electing an Agent for our R.D. in place of the late Mr Jas Lang: & being accordingly met & constituted by Prayer, there were present from the several Presbyteries the following members :—

Strabane Pby.

Jos. Osborne
Dr. Crawford
Jos. Coulter
Hugh Hamill

Derry Presby.

Saml. Patten
John Law
Jas. Knox
David Young
John Adams
Francis Gray
John Irwin
Robert Scott
Robert Black
Jas. Patten
Hugh Brooks
Wm. Cuningham
Robt. Caldwell
Henry Elder
Mr. Goorly

T.Patrick Presby.

John Savage
Robert Orr

Dromore Presby.

John Smyth
Isaac Patrick
Sam. Barber
Jas. Birch
Jos. Hay
John Sherard
Fran. Turretine
Wm. Magee
Moses Thomson

Bangor Presby.

Andrew Craig
David Trotter
Jas. Porter

Belfast Presby.

Saml. Patten
Thos. Birch
Robt. Carlisle
Jos. Harrison

L.kenny Presby.

Andw. Alexander
Wm. Burke
Jos. Leitle
Jas. Taylor
Robt. Caldwell
Jos. Love
David Allen
Henry Millar
John Holmes
Thos. Leech
Wm. Ramsay

Rout Presby.

Wm. Knox
Wm. Lynd
Hugh McClelland
Robt. Thomson
Jas. Elder
Jas. McFarland
John Loggan

Dublin Presby.

Ben. McDowel
Wm. Wilson
Hugh Moore

B.mena Presby.

Jos. Douglass
Jas. Cuming
David Park
Henry Henry

Monaghan Presby.

Thos. Stewart
Wm. Moore
Mat. Trimble
John Arnold

Clogher Presby.

Wm. Moorhead
Jas. Ker
Andw. Millar
Wm. Johnston
Jos. Denham
Jas. Davison

Tyrone Presby.

Wm. Kennedy
John McClelland
Jas. Whiteside, Senr.
Moses Hogg
Geo. Murray
Jas. Whiteside, Junr.
Wm. Stitt
Jos. Smyth
Wm. Moore
Hugh Boyland
Geo. Dougal
Thos. McCay

Killyleagh Presby.

Dr. Dickson

Armagh Presby.

Dr. Campbell
Saml. Livingston
Robert Dickson
Saml. Sloan
Thos. Cuming
Andw. Bryson

Antrim Presby.

Wm. Nevin
Wm. Sinclair

The following Motion was made & seconded, (viz.) We, members of the G. Synod of Ulster & Pres^by^ of Antrim now in Dungannon, do for ourselves Individually, Request the Trustees for the Widows Fund to take the Charge of our R. D. untill our meeting in June next.—And that in the meantime they should take the necessary steps to procure a settlement of our Accounts with the Executors of our late agent Mr Ja^s^ Lang, and have the same laid before us at said meeting.—And that all money now in hand or that may be received till said meeting be by them duly transmitted to the several Presbyteries.

On the above Motion the previous Question was put (viz.) shall said motion be put or not?—The Roll was called & it passed in the Negative.

A Motion of Adjournment untill six o'clock being made, was after some debate agreed to. Session concluded with Prayer.

2. *Session Tuesday Evening six o'clock, after Prayer.*

A Protest signed Ben. M^c^Dowel, Hugh Moore, Wm Steel Dickson, Sam. Barber, Wm Wilson, John Smyth, Wm Stitt, Wm Magee, Robt Thomson, Hugh M^c^Clelland, John Loggan, Wm Campbell, Ja^s^ Birch, Saml Patten, Joseph Harrison, Robt Carlisle, Wm Knox, Thos Birch, Ja^s^ Whiteside, Thos Stewart, John Arnold, Ja^s^ Davison, Mat Trimble, against any Proceedings towards electing an Agent for the R. D. by the members of the G. Synod of Ulster, now met at Dungannon this 2^d^ day of Decr 1788 & every other Proceeding of this days meeting, in the name of, & as the G. Synod of Ulster, was produced & read.—The Reasons to be assigned at next meeting of G. Synod to which they appealed.

It was now unanimously resolved to proceed to the election of an Agent for our R. D. But before entering on that Business, the following Resolutions were moved & agreed to.

1st That Two & one half ℘ cent, shall be allowed to our Agent on all money of the R. D. which he Receives:—And that he shall pay the same without Fee or Deduction.

2^d^ That whatever Agent we shall appoint shall produce his Books & Accounts to this Synod, on the first day of every Annual Meeting in order to be submitted to the Inspection of the Synod, or of any committee which they may appoint to inspect them. And that a failure in this shall *ipso facto* dismiss him from his office.

3^d^ That no Person shall be qualified to act as our Agent, untill his security shall be submitted to Council & approved by them as sufficient. And we Request & Authorise And^w^ Caldwell, Hen. Bevan, Thos Pettigrew, & Wm Colvill Esq^rs^ to lay the proposed security before Council & if approved, to take it in their own names in Trust for us.—

After the above Resolutions were agreed to, the following Gentlemen were proposed as candidates; (viz) Revd Dr Campbell, Revd Robt Black, Messrs Robt & Richd Mercer, & Mr Ja^s^ Leckey. The Roll was called & Mr Black chosen by a great majority.

Mr Alexander, Mr Livingston, the Clerk of the Synod & Mr Cuming, are appointed to answer the Trustees Letter, & the letter of Messrs Robert & Richard Mercer.

Adjourned untill to-morrow Morning at 9 o'clock.

Session concluded with Prayer.

3d Session Wednesday Morning, 9 o'clock, after Prayer.

The letters to the Trustees of the widows Fund, & Messrs. Robert & Richard Mercer, were Read—Approved by the Synod, and ordered to be subscribed by the Moderator.

Resolved unanimously, That the Moderator be ordered to recommend it from the Pulpit, to the several members of this Synod to continue their earnest Prayers to Almighty God, for the speedy Restoration of his Majesty's Health ; and for the support & Comfort of her Majesty the Queen, & rest of the Royal Family, in their present Distress.

Ordered, That a letter of Attorney, Impowering our Agent to receive ; & directing him to dispose of the R. D. for the use of this Synod, be now drawn & perfected, which was done accordingly.

Inserted by

ROBERT DICKSON,

Clk. of Gen. Synod.

A Gen. Synod at Lurgan, 30th June 1789.

Mr Kennedy the Moderator of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Rom. I. 16.—Then constituted it by Prayer. After which were present from the several Presbyteries as followeth :—

Minrs.	Elders.
Derry Presby.	
Saml. Patten	
John Law	
David Young	Mr. Robt. Moore
Robert Black	
Francis Gray	
James Patten	
Hugh Brooks	
Wm. Cuningham	
Robert Caldwell	
Henry Elder	
Moses Goorly	
T. Patrick Presby.	
Thos. Read	
Wm. Montgomery	
John Abernethy	
John Gibson	Jas. Cuningham
John Savage	
Adam Hill	
Robert Orr	
Robert Thomson	
Dromore Presby.	
John Smyth	Wm. Magill
Isaac Patrick	Wm. Wright
Robert McClure	Wm. Carlisle
Saml. Barber	Joseph McNeilly
James Birch	James McAdam
John Thomson	Hugh McFarran
Joseph Hay	
Dr. Little	James Dickson
John Sherrard	Wm. Carlisle
Francis Turretine	
Wm. McPherson	
Wm. Magee	Dr. Law
Wm. Fletcher	David Heanan
Moses Thomson	
John McClelland	
James Waddell	
Bangor Presby.	
James Cochran	
Andw. Craig	Mr. Geo. Taudy
Alexr. Gouday	
David Trotter	
James Porter	

Minrs.	Elders.
Belfast Presby.	
Wm. Laird	
Samuel Patten	
Thos. Birch	Mr. Wm. Shaw
James Malcom	Alexr. Swan
Geo. McEwen	John Cowper
Sinclair Kilburn	Saml. Nelson
Robert Carlisle	Joseph Ker
Joseph Harrison	
Clogher Presby.	
James Ker	
Joseph Denham	
Joseph King	
Wm. Johnston	
James Davison	
Tyrone Presby	
James Todd	
Wm. Kennedy	Wm. Halliday
John McClelland	
Moses Hogg	
Geo. Murray	Alexr. Patterson
Wm. Stitt	
James Whiteside, Junr.	
Joseph Smyth	Mr. Wm. McCrum
Hugh Boyland	Mr. Jas. Durham
Thos. McKay	Mr. Hugh White
Lkenny Presby.	
Andw. Alexander	
Wm. Burke	
James Taylor	Matthew Allen
Robert Caldwell	
David Allen	
Henry Millar	
John Holmes	
Isaac Barr	
Thos. Leetch	
James Patten	
Wm. Ramsay	
Rout Presby.	
William Knox	
John Logan	
Wm. Lynd	Mr. Adam Boyd

Minrs.	Elders.
Rout Presby—continued.	
Alexr. Marshal	
Robert Thomson	
Robert Rentoul	
James Elder	
James McFarland	
Daniel Blair	
B.mena Presby.	
John Ranken	
Joseph Douglas	John Adams
James Cuming	Wm. McKean
John Lindsay	
David Park	
Thos. Henry	Mr. Hugh Walker
Henry Henry	
Monaghan Presby.	
Thos. Stewart	John Grier
Wm. Moore	
John Davis	
Matt. Trimble	Mr. Joseph Thomson
Wm. Millar	
Robt. Montgomery	James Simson
John Arnold	
James Whiteside	

Minrs.	Elders.
Dublin Presby.	
Dr. McDowel	
Wm. Wilson	
Killylea Presby.	
Moses Nelson	
Dr. Dickson	Mr. Thos. McKibbin
Robert Porter	
James Sinclair	
James Patterson	
James Knox	George Scott
Armagh Presby.	
Henry Jackson	Geo. Mulhallon
Saml. Livingston	Mr. John Porter
Robert Dickson	
Saml. Sloan	
Thos. Cuming	Wm. Rea
Andw. Bryson	Robert Dickie
Strabane Presby.	
Joseph Osborne	
Dr. Craford	
Robert Clarke	
Hugh Hamill	

Mr Kennedy moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, when the following Brethren were named, viz: Revd Messrs Moses Goorly, Wm Montgomery, James Birch, James Cochran, Sinclair Killburn, Wm Burke, Alexr Marshal, Joseph Douglas, Wm Moore, Jas Ker, Wm Stitt, Moses Nelson, Samuel Sloan, & Robert Clarke.—The Roll was called & Mr Douglas chosen.—Mr Dickson continued Clerk. Modr chosen Clk continued

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, & to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to morrow morning, of their members for the several Comtees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Funds, & Gen. Synods fixed Comtee—An account of such ministers as have died, been Ordained, or Installed—And of such Candidates as have been licensed, or entered on Tryals since last Gen. Synod—An account of Annuitants on the Fund, of any that have died, & of the time when such did die—Also of women in their Bounds who have been wives of ministers & are not on the Fund. Accounts ordered

Mr Barber is ordered to preach to morrow morning at 9 o'clock, according to appointment of last G. Synod—And Mr James Birch having been next in votes to the Moderator chosen, is ordered to preach on the second day of this Synods next meeting at 9 o'clock before noon. Sermon to morrow

Pursuant to a Resolution of the Synod of 1787. "That a committee should be appointed on the first day of every future Comtee of Accounts.

meeting, to Inspect the Accounts of our Agent"—The following members were returned, viz:—from Derry Presby, Mr Young; from T.Patrick, Mr Abernethy; from Dromore, Mr Barber; from Bangor, Mr Cochran; from Belfast, Mr Kilburn; from L.kenny, Mr Caldwell; from Rout, Mr Knox; from B.mena, Mr Ranken; from Dublin, Mr Wilson; from Monaghan, Mr Moore: from Clogher, Mr Denham; from Tyrone, Mr McKay; from Killylea, Mr Nelson; from Armagh, Mr Livingston; from Strabane, Mr Osborne; & from the Presby of Antrim, Mr Wm Bryson.—They are to meet in the vestry room to morrow morning at 7 o'clock—Any member may attend to give or receive Information, but not to vote—The comtee to Report.

Session concluded with Prayer.

Adjourned untill to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock.

2d Session Wednesday Morning, 11 o'clock.

Mr Barber preached according to appointment.

Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of members for the several comtees. Also the Accounts as ordered which are as follow:—

Armagh Presby have on the fund Mrs Moody & Mrs Ferguson; not on the fund Mrs Stewart & Mrs Carlisle.

Dead
Ordained

Killylea Presby report that Mr Michael Henry died 1st April, 1789. & that he left a widow & children. That they Ordained Mr Jas Knox, at Drumbannagher, 29th June 1789, who is a Contributer to the widows fund, & that the have on they fund, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Strong, Mrs Smyth & Mrs Henry.

Dead

Derry Presby report, that Mr Adams, died 8th June 1789. That they have on the fund, Mrs Lysle, Mrs Hare, Mrs Walker, Senr & Junr Mrs Adams, families of Messrs Bond & Ferguson. And that Mrs Hood died 14th June 1789.

Dead

Dead
Licensed

Bangor Presby report that Mr Robt Jackson died 5th Sepr 1788 & left a widow & children. That they have licensed Mr Geo. Dobbin. And that they have on the fund, Mrs Mitchel, Mrs Warnick, & Mrs Jackson.

Dublin Presby have on the fund, Mrs Moore & Mrs Caldwell.

Deposed
Dead

Monaghan Presby report, That they deposed Mr McAdam, 10th July 1788. That Mr Sprot died 20th April 1789 & left a widow & children. And that they have on the fund Mrs Makee, Mrs Algoe, Mrs Warnock, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Fleming, Mrs Sprot, & families of Messrs Carson & Harris.

Dead

Dromore Presby report, That Mr Henry died 19th June 1789 & left a widow & son. That they have entered on Tryals Mr Andw Hershaw. And have on the fund Mrs White, Mrs Semple, Mrs Nelson, Mrs Henry, & family of Mr Kennedy.

Demitted
Installed

B.mena Presby report, That Mr Jas Brown demitted his Pastoral charge of the Congon of Connor 1st Aug. 1788. And that they Installed Mr Henry Henry 9th Decr last. They have on the fund Mrs O'Brian, Mrs Hill & Mrs Brown.

Belfast Presby have licensed in Aug. last Messrs James Gouday, James Malcomson, Wm Whitlaw & John McKean. They subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith according to Synodical Rule. They have on the Fund Mrs Kinkead & Mrs Kennedy. Licensed

T.Patrick Presby report, That they have licensed Mr John Campbell. Have ordained Mr Robert Thomson, 9th June 1789 who is a Contributer to the Widows fund. Have entered Mr Murphy on second Tryals. Have on the fund Mrs Dunbar, Mrs Cowan, & family of Mr Rogers. That Mrs Craford, died 4th Jan^{ry} last. And that Mr Ker demitted his Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Island Magee in August, 1788. Licensed Ordained Dead Demitted

L.kenny Presby report, That they have licensed Mr Hugh Delap. That in May 1788 they deposed M^{r} McMeans & published his Deposition in the Strabane *News Letter*.—That Mrs Wilson died 11th Octr 1788. And that they have on the Fund M^{rs} McGaughy, Mrs Gordon, & Mrs Delap. Licensed Deposed Dead

Clogher Presby have on Tryals Messrs Booth Caldwell, & Ben Hull. On the Fund Mrs Scott & Mrs Mulligan.

Rout Presby report, That Mr Hamilton died 18th July, & Mr Smyth 2^{d} Octr 1788 : and that each left a Widow & Children. That they have licensed Mr Steel, who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith, according to the Synods Formula.—Have entered on Tryals M^{r} McCalley, & Mr Lochridge. Have on the Fund Mrs Gaston, Mrs Smylie, Mrs Elder, Mrs Davis, Mrs Hamilton, & Mrs Smyth.—And that Mrs Thomson died since last Synod. Deaths Licensed Dead

Tyrone Presby report, That they Ordained Mr Thos McKay in Brigh, 1st Aug. 1788. He subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith & is a contributer to the Widows Fund.—Also report that they have entered on Tryals Mr John Kennedy. Have on the fund Mrs Peebles, Mrs Duffin, Mrs Caldwell, & family of Mr White. And that Mrs Orr died since last Gen. Synod, time not known. Ordained Dead

Strabane Presby report, That Mr Joseph Coulter died in March last— That they licensed Mr Dunlop, & entered on Tryals Mr Ja^{s} Houston. And that they have on they fund Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Torbett & Mrs Coulter. Dead Licensed

Genl Synod's fixed Comt^{ee} for 1789 :—

Minrs from Presby of Armagh.	Minrs from Pby of Derry.
Messrs Livingstone & Sloan.	Messrs Law & Young.
Killylea.	Dublin.
Messrs McComb & Nelson.	D^{r} McDowel & Mr Wilson.
Bangor.	Monaghan.
Messrs Hull & Bryson.	Messrs Moore & Trimble.

Minrs from Pby of Dromore.	Minrs from Presby of Clogher.
Mr Barber & Dr Little.	Mr Millar.
B.mena.	Rout.
Messrs Ranken & Lindsay.	Messrs Marshal & Blair.
Belfast.	Tyrone.
Messrs Birch & Kilburn.	Messrs Hogg & Stitt.
T. Patrick.	Strabane.
Messrs Montgomery & Bankhead.	Messrs Hamill & Clarke.
L.kenny.	
Messrs Leitle & Love.	

These with an Elder from each Presbytery, & our Moderator & Clerk, are to meet at Lurgan, when called by the Moderator on any Emergency; Fifteen to be a Quorum, whereof Twelve at least are to be Ministers.

The Comtee of Accounts reported Progress, & are to meet again.

The several comtees ordered to meet immediately.

Session concluded with Prayer—Adjourned.

3d Session Wednesday 2 o'clock, after Prayer.

Synods next meeting

The Synod proceeded to appoint the time & place of its next meeting.—Lurgan & Dungannon were proposed—The Roll was called & it carried to meet at Lurgan the last Tuesday in June 1790. Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Interlocutor at 5 o'clock. Open Synod at 7—Session concluded with Prayer—Adjourned.

4th Session, Wednesday Evening, after Prayer.

Motion for a Repeal

On reading the Overture of last Synod respecting the printing of our Minutes annually, a motion was made, That said Overture be repealed;—And the Question being put, "Repeal or Not?"—The Roll was called & it carried "Not."

Report of Visitors

The Proceedings of the Revd Dr McDowel & Revd Robert Rogers in visiting the frontier Congns, were reported by the Doctor to the Synod.

Interlocutor to morrow morning at 8 o'clock—Open Synod at 12. Session concluded with Prayer.—Adjourned.

5th Session, Thursday, 12 o'clock, after prayer.

Thanks to Visitors

It was moved & unanimously agreed to, That the Thanks of the Synod be given to the Revd Dr McDowel & Revd Robert Rogers, for their attention to, & readiness in complying with the Appointment of this Body in visiting the frontiers of the Province of Ulster, & the fidelity with which they executed that Commission; and Thanks were accordingly given.

Dungannon meeting not a Regular Synod

The Minutes of the *pro re nata* meeting at Dungannon in Decr last being read; Twelve of the Brethren who protested against the proceedings of that meeting, gave in the Reasons of their Protest, which being also read; After much reasoning on the subject, The Synod came to the following Resolution; "That the meeting at Dungannon on the 2d Day of Decr last, cannot be sustained as a Regular meeting of the Gen. Synod of Ulster."

Session concluded with Prayer—Adjourned untill 5 o'clock.

6th Session, Thursday evening, 5 o'clock, after prayer.

Expence of visitors to be paid

Resolved that the Revd Dr McDowel & Revd Robert Rogers be paid by our Agent the Expences incurred by their late visitation of the frontier Congns; agreeably to the Resolution of last Synod.

Appointment of visitors renewed

On considering the Report of Dr McDowel, it was moved; That the appointment of last Synod respecting the frontier Congns, & South West Colonies of Presbyterians be renewed this year; and that the ministers appointed, be enjoined to inform the different Colonies, That where they know themselves capable of contributing to the support of a stated minister; They shall represent their Situation & Desires to this Synod at their next Annual Meeting; That this Synod may be enabled to Judge where ministers may be settled with a probability of promoting the Interest of Religion.

After reasoning on the motion at some length, the Question was put, "Renew the Appointment or Not?"—The Roll was called and it carried "Renew."

New visitors appointed

The Revd Messrs Wm Wilson & Sinclair Kilburn, unanimously appointed Visitors for this year.

Stewartstown

A Supplication signed by David Park, "in the name of the greater number of Presbyterian Inhabitants of Stewartstown in behalf of themselves & others near that place," was presented to this Synod by Wm Davidson & John Park, Commsrs, Praying "to Allow & Grant, That the House they have built may be appointed a House of Worship, acknowledged by this Synod, under the Care of the Presby of Tyrone. And that they may be permitted to meet there & worship God, & receive the Institutions of His Word, under the Direction of that Presby."—And they engage to satisfy the Synod with respect to the Securities for the certain support of a minister, whenever they shall be so happy as to obtain one.

Brigh

A Petition signed John Grier, in the name of the Cong^{on} of Brigh, and a Petition & Remonstrance signed by thirty-six persons, members of the same Cong^{on}, were also presented to this Synod, by David Duff & Robert Moffat, Comms^{rs}, Stating, That the Cong^{on} of Brigh would receive Essential Injury from the Establishment of a new Cong^{on} in Stewartstown.

Stewartstown erected

The Comms^{rs} from both Parties having been heard at considerable length & removed;—And the Synod having reasoned on the Subject,; The Question was put, "Grant the Supplication of the Inhabitants of Stewartstown or Not?" The Roll was called and it carried "Grant."

Overtures

The following Overtures were proposed to this Synod:—

1st

Psalmody

1. Whereas singing the Praises of God, is an Essential, Solemn & Important part of Christian Worship, to render which both pleasing & useful, the Knowledge of Psalmody, is aboslutely necessary.—And whereas this has been too much neglected, and is sensibly declining in many of our Cong^{ns}.—That this Synod in order to promote the Devotion of Christian Worshippers, do warmly recommend an attention to Church Music, to all the Cong^{ns} under their charge;—And that they Exhort & Enjoin the different members of their Body, to use their utmost Dilligence in their respective Cong^{ns} in Perswading & Encouraging Heads of families & others, to have those under their Care & Influence, duely instructed therein: That the rising Generation may be qualified for Joining in the Public Praises of God with Decency, Comfort & Advantage.

The Synod unanimously, & most cordially agree to, & recommend the above Overture, from the fullest conviction of its happy tendency, to excite & promote Devotion;—And order it to be read in all Cong^{ons} within their Bounds.

2d

Itinerant Preachers

2. That any minister, who shall employ to preach for him, any man not known to be a Regular minister of the Gospel, & whose moral character is not sufficiently known, shall be suspended, *ab officio* two L^{ds} Days for the first offence, & for the second, three months:—And that any man under pretense of being a Presbyterian min^{r}, presuming to officiate as such in any vacancy without appointment of Presby or within the Bounds of any Cong^{on}, in which there may be an ordained min^{r} without the consent & appointment of such min^{r}, shall be incapable of being a member of this Synod.

The above Overture agreed to.

3

New Erections

3. That no Party of a Cong^{on} within the Bounds of the Synod & under their Care, which shall have built, or begun to build a Meeting House, with a view to be erected into a separate Cong^{on} without, the approbation & consent of this Synod first had, & obtained: shall be received under their Protection; nor any Application for that purpose, be attended to by them.

The above agreed to and ordered to be read in all Congregations

Interlocutor to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Open Synod at the conclusion of the Interl^{r}. Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned.

7th Session Friday, 12 o'clock, after prayer.

Resolved that the Presby of Tyrone be enjoined to appoint one of their number to communicate to the Cong^{ns} likely to be affected by the Erection of Stewartstown, the Synodical Rules respecting those who in cases of this kind may be disposed to leave their own Cong^{ns} in order to become members of any other. And that said members shall in particular point out to those concerned the Indispensable Necessity of paying a strict attention to said Rules. Order to Presby of Tyrone

A Reference from the Sub Synod of Derry, in the Affairs of the Cong^{on} of Killraats, was presented to this Synod.

The Synod resolved, that a Comt^{ee} consisting of the following Brethren viz: Messrs James Cuming, John Lindsay, Thos Henry, Thos Read, Wm Montogomery, Robert Orr, John Thomson, Sinclair Killburn & Geo Murray with their Elders, do meet at Killraats on the 4th Wednesday of this Inst July; finally to settle this, & all other matters relating to that Cong^{n}—Five Ministers & three Elders to make a Quorum. Mr Thomson to preach, & the Presby of Rout to attend the Comt^{ee} to give what Information may be necessary. This minute to be read in the Cong^{on} of Killraats, next L^{ds} Day. Comt^{ee} to meet at Killraats

Resolved that Mr Dickson our present Clerk is Intitled to Fees for the year 1787, the year in which he was chosen; and that our Agent be ordered to pay him the same.—Also, that our Clerk be directed to inform our Agent, that in the settlement of the accounts with the Representatives of the late Mr Lang, he is to observe; That a years fees had been paid to the family of the late Mr Rogers, to which they were not Intitled. Clks fees

A Supplication from the Prot. Dissenters of the Parish of Cappagh, praying to be Established under the Appellation of the Cong^{on} of Cappagh, was presented to this Synod, by Messrs Wm Hamilton & Samuel Ranken, Commiss^{rs}. Cappagh

The Synod Authorise the Presby of Lkenny to erect them into a Cong^{on} provided they give such security as may satisfy that Body, that they will pay fifty pounds annually for the support of a minister; and that such of their members as now belong to the Cong^{on} of Mr Nelson, will pay him during life, their usual stipend. to be erected

A Supplication from Mr Colin Lindsay, Praying that the Cong^{on} of Dundalk may be ordered to pay him the years Stipend "to which he was Intitled by our former Resolution," was presented to this Synod. Mr Lindsay & Dundalk

Resolved that the Cong^{on} of Dundalk be ordered to pay Mr Lindsay, before the first day of Aug. next, the sum of Eight pounds st^{r} in lieu of all Claims on that Cong^{on} under penalty of being no longer connected with the Gen Synod of Ulster.

Notice of a motion

Mr Thos Birch gives notice, that he will next year move for a Repeal of the Act of Synod of the year 1738, Impowering the ministers of Dublin to address his Majesty, or our Chief Governor, in the name of the Protestant Dissenters of Ireland.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with Prayer.

1st Interlocutor Wednesday Evening, 5 o'clock.

Report of Mr Wilson

Mr Wilson informed this Interlr. That Andw Caldwell Esqr was the only one of the Trustees to whom Sir John Blackwood had perfected a mortgage, who had signed the Deed of Trust.—The Synod request the other Trustees to whom the mortgage was perfected, to sign the same Deed, as soon as may be convenient. The Declaration signed by Mr Caldwell, is lodged in an Iron Chest in Mr Finlays Bank.

Mr Cameron

A motion was made, That a Double Portion of the R. D. be continued to Mr Cameron, for this year. The Question was put "continue or not?" The Roll was called & it carried "Continue" by a great Majority.

Motion to eraze a former Resolution

The Resolution of the Intelr of last year—"That where there shall be two or more ministers, in one Congon (Excepting the ministers now living) they shall receive no more than one annual share of the Royal Bounty" being read; It was moved, That said Resolution be erazed from our Minutes—And the Question being put "Eraze or Not?—The Roll was called & it carried "Not."

Synods Records

Mr John Thomson reported to this Interlr That he had got the Binding of the several volumes of the Records of this Synod compleatly repaired;—Had put them into a Box made on purpose to receive them; And had Deposited them in the Hands of the Revd Mr Magee.

Thanks to Mr Thomson

Mr Thompson received the Thanks of the Interlr for his Care in that matter, and was ordered to be repaid the expence by our Agent.

2d Interlocutor Thursday Morning.

Motion respecting R. D.

Mr Trimble agreeably to the notice given by him last year now moved; "That every Minister hereafter to be ordained to the charge of "a Congon under our care, & become a contributer to the Widows "fund; shall appropriate to the same, the whole of his first years "R. D. as it now does, or hereafter may stand.

The above motion unanimously agreed to by this Interlr.

Report of Comtee of Accounts

Mr Ranken Chairman of the Comtee of Accounts, gave in their Report comprised in the following Resolutions.

1. That by a letter received from the Trustees of the Widows Fund it appears, That our said fund continues in an Increasing state.

2. That it appears to us, that the Representatives of our late Agent Mr Lang, have in their hands, one Intire Quarter of the R.D. viz. that of June 1788, besides arrears due to Individuals.

3. It has been stated to us, that our late Agent had advanced several sums to members of this Synod, who held particular Accounts with him : over and above what they were Intitled to, by their respective Dividends of the money he actually received.

4. That our Opinion is, That the Representatives of the late Mr Lang, do with all convenient speed, pay up to those to whom arrears may remain due, the full amount of such arrears, respectively.

5. That with respect to the Individuals to whom Mr Lang may have advanced more than their Dividend of the above mentioned June Quarter; His Representative may draw Bills on them in favour of the Synods Agent, who may be instructed to repay the Ballance, so soon as the respective accounts are allowed : Mr Lang's Representative having first paid over to the said Agent, the Ballance of the June Quarter, as above stated.

6. That Mr Black's general statement of the money received by him & of the Dividends & payments of the same has, been laid before us; and we are of opinion, that the same is just and correct.

7. We humbly offer it as our opinion to the Synod, that it may be useful to Instruct our Agent in future; That if he chuses to advance money to Individuals, the Synod ought not, & will not consider themselves as any way accountable; but he must do it at his own Risque.

3d *Interlocutor* 2 *o'clock.*

Moved that the following Question be now put, "Continue Mr Black our Agent for the R.D. or not?"—The Question being put & the Roll called it carried "Continue" by a great Majority. Mr Black continued Agent

4th *Interlocutor Friday Morning* 8 *o'clock.*

The following Resolutions were moved & agreed to by this Interlr:—

1. That two & one half ℔ cent, shall be allowed to our Agent on all money of the R.D. which he receives—And that he shall pay the same without Fee or Deduction. Resolution respecting our Agent

2. That our Agent shall produce his Books & Accounts to this Synod, on the first day of every annual meeting, in order to be submitted to the Inspection of the Synod, or of any Comtee which they may appoint to Inspect them—And that a failure in this, shall *ipso facto*, dismiss him from his office.

3. That no person shall be qualified to act as our Agent untill his security shall be submitted to Council, & approved by them, as sufficient. And we request & authorise Andw Caldwell, Henry Bevan, Thos Pettigrew & Wm Colvill Esqrs to lay the proposed security before Council; & if approved to take it in their own names in Trust for us.

Dr Craford, Mr Alexander & Mr Young appointed to answer the letters of the Trustees of the widows fund, & Mr Hugh Lang.

Mr Patrick

Moved, that our Agent be ordered to pay Mr Isaac Patrick out of the R.D. a sum equal to that paid by him into the widows Fund, Whenever the Presby of Dromore, shall certify to the Agent his resigning the Pastoral charge of his Congon.—And that this mark of Respect to a worthy Character is in consideration of a Disappointment of a former Grant out of the widows fund.

The motion passed in the affirmative.

Mr Todd

Moved & unanimously agreed to, That a Double Portion of the R.D. be allowed to Mr Todd, on condition of his resigning immediately the Pastoral Charge of his Congregation.

The letters to the Trustees of the widows fund, & Mr Hugh Lang were read,—Approved by the Interlr & subscribed by the Moderator.

5th Interlocutor Friday 3 o'clock.

Mr Lindsay

Mr Colin Lindsay presented a memorial to this Interlocutor, stating, That he had an Invitation to go to America, & Praying, "That "he may be indulged & permitted to withdraw the money paid by him "into the widows fund."

Resolved that our Agent be ordered to pay Mr Lindsay out of the R.D. Twelve pounds Str, whenever the Presby of Monaghan shall certify to him, that Mr Lindsay is determined & prepared, to go to America.

Mr Barr

A Petition from the Congon of Moywater was presented to this Interlr, Praying that a Double Portion of the old ordy R.D. may be allowed to Mr Barr their minister, for this year.

This granted.

Inserted by

ROBERT DICKSON, Clk. of Gen. Synod.

4th August, 1789.

A List of the Members of the Gen. Synod of Ulster & Presbytery of Antrim, the 29th June 1790.

Presb. of Templepatrick

John Lewson
John Wright
Thos. Read
Wm. Montgomery
John Bankhead
John Abernethy
John Gibson
John Savage
Adam Hill
Robert Orr
Robert Thomson
John Murphy

Presb. of Dromore

John Smyth
Isaac Patrick
Robert McClure
Saml. Barber
Jas. Birch
John Thomson
Joseph Hay
Joseph Little, M.D.
John Sherrard
Francis Turretine
Wm. Magee
Wm. Fletcher
Moses Thomson
Jas. Waddell
John McClelland
John McCance

Presb. of Belfast

Jas. Huey
Wm. Laird
Jas. Malcom
Saml. Patten
Alexr. Henry
Thos. Birch
Andw. Grier
Geo. Brydone
Sinclair Killburn
Geo. McEwen
Robert Carlisle
Joseph Harrison

Presb. of Dublin

Wm. Wilson
Ben. McDowel, D.D.
Hugh Moore

Presb. of Bangor

Jas. Hull
Jas. Cochran
Jas. Bryson
Jas. Caldwell
Alexr. Gowday
David Trotter
Jas. Porter
Andw. Craig

Presb. of B.mena

Chas. Brown
Joseph Douglas
Jas. Cuming
Robert Scott
John Lindsay
Alexr. Speer
David Park
Robert Christy
Thos. Henry
Henry Henry

Presb. of L.kenny

John Marshal
Ben. Holmes
Andw. Alexander
Wm. Burke
Joseph Leitle
Jas. Taylor
Joseph Love
David Allen
Henry Millar
John Holmes
Isaac Barr
Thos. Leetch
Jas. Delap
Wm. Ramsay
Hugh Delap

Presb. of Clogher

Wm. Moorhead
Jas. Ker
Andw. Millar
Joseph Denham
Joseph King
Wm. Johnston
Jas. Davison

Presb. of Rout

Robert Henry
Joseph Douglas
John Simson
John Cameron
Wm. Knox
John Logan
Wm. Lynd
Hugh McClelland
Alexr. Marshal
Robert Thomson
John Glenday
Robert Rentoul
Jas. Elder
Wm. Douglas
Jas. McFarland
Daniel Blair
Matthew Elder
Arthur McMahon
Gideon McMullan
Alexr. Martin

Presb. of Monaghan

Thos. Stewart
Wm. Moore
John Davis
Matt. Trimble
Wm. Millar
Robt. Montgomery
John Arnold
John McCurdy
Robert Rogers
Jas. Walker
Jas. Whiteside
Joseph Lawson
Saml. Kennedy
Jas. Gouday

Presb. of Tyrone

Jos. Todd
Wm. Kennedy
John McClelland
Jas. Whiteside, Senr.
Moses Hogg
Geo. Murray
Jas. Whiteside, Junr.
William Stitt
Joseph Smyth
Wm. Moore
Hugh Boyland
Geo. Dougal
Thos. McCay
Wm. Henry

Presb. of Killyleagh

Alexr. McCombe
Moses Nelson
Wm. Steel Dickson, D.D.
Robert Porter
Jas. Sinclair
Jas. Petterson
Jas. Knox

Presb. of Armagh

Henry Jackson
Saml. Livingston
Robert Dickson
Boyle Moody
Saml. Sloan
Thos. Cuming
Andw. Bryson
Nath. Shaw

Presb. of Strabane

Joseph Osborne
Robert Nelson
Wm. Crawford, D.D.
Robert Clarke
Hugh Hamill
Mr. Dunlop

Presb. of Derry

David Harvey
Saml. Patten
John Law
Arthur Kyle
Jas. Knox
David Young
Robert Black
Francis Gray
John Irwin
Robert Scott

Presb. of Derry—con.

Jas. Patten
Hugh Brooks
Wm. Cuningham
Robert Caldwell
Henry Elder
Moses Goorley

Presb. of Antrim

John Beatty
John Marshal
Robert Sinclair
Wm. Bryson
Wm. Sinclair
Futt. Marshall
Wm. Bruce, D.D.
Mr. Taggart
Mr. Vance } in 1791
Mr. Neilson, }

A Gen. Synod at Lurgan, 29th June 1790.

Mr Douglas the Moderator of the former Synod opened this by preaching from Heb. vi. 1. Then constituted it by Prayer, after which there were present from the several Presbs the following members:—

Minrs.	Elders.
T. Patrick Presb.	
Thos. Read	
John Bankhead	
John Abernethy	
John Gibson	
Robert Orr	Jas. Cuningham
Robert Thompson	
John Murphy	
Dromore Presb.	
John Smyth	
Isaac Patrick	
Robert McClure	Wm. Carlisle
Saml. Barber	Wm. Brown
Jas. Birch	Robt. Lowrey
John Thomson	John Burney
Joseph Hay	
Dr. Little	
John Sherard	Joshua Chambers
Wm. Magee	Wm. Thomson
Wm. Fletcher	
Jas. Waddell	
John McClelland	
John McCance	Dr. Hull
Bangor Presb.	
Jas. Cochran	
Jas. Bryson	
Andw. Craig	
David Trotter	
Belfast Presb.	
Thos. Birch	John George
Sinclair Killburn	
Geo. McEwen	
Robt. Carlisle	
B.mena Presb.	
Joseph Douglas	
Jas. Cuming	
Thos. Henry	
L.kenny Presb.	
Andw. Alexander	

Minrs.	Elders.
Monaghan Presb.	
John Davis	
Matt. Trimble	Henry Simson
Robt. Montgomery	Saml. Davison
Jas. Whiteside	Wm. Charleton
Joseph Lawson	
Saml. Kennedy	
Jas. Gouday	
Clogher Presb.	
Joseph Denham	
Tyrone Presb.	
Wm. Kennedy	Richd. Robinson
John McClelland	
Moses Hogg	Wm. Henderson
Geo. Murray	
Jas. Whiteside, Junr.	Andw. Dewiddie
Wm. Stitt	
Joseph Smyth	
Hugh Boyland	Jas. Davison
Thos. McCay	Robt. Carson
Wm. Henry	Geo. Holmes
Killyleagh Presb.	
Alexr. McCombe	
Dr. Dickson	
Jas. Knox	
Armagh Presb.	
Saml. Livingston	
Robert Dickson	
Saml. Sloan	
Thos. Cuming	
Nath. Shaw	Philip Graham
Derry Presb.	
Robert Black	
Rout Presb.	No Members present.
Strabane Presb.	
Dublin Presb.	

Mod^r Chosen

Mr Douglas moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, when the following Brethren were named, viz: Revd Messrs John Bankhead, Saml Barber, Thos Birch, Robt Montgomery, Joseph Denham, Wm Stitt, Dr Dickson, & Nath. Shaw. The Roll was called & Mr Barber chosen. Mr Dickson continued Clerk.

Clerk continued

Order to Presbyteries

The Several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night & to prepare Lists, to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning of their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Funds, & Gen. Synod's fixed Comt^ee.—An account of such ministers as died, been ordained, or Installed, & of such Candidates as have been licensed or entered on Tryals since last Gen. Synod. An account of Annuitants on the fund; of any that have died; & of the time when such did die. Also of women in their Bounds, who have been wives of ministers & are not on the fund.

2^d Sermon

Mr Ja^s Birch is ordered to preach to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock according to appointment of last Gen. Synod. And Mr Stitt having been next in votes, to the Mod^r chosen is ordered to preach on the second day of this Synod's next meeting, at 9 o'clock before noon.

Comt^ee of Accounts

The following members were returned by the several Presbyteries as a Comt^ee to Inspect the accounts of our Agent, viz. By T.Patrick Presb. Mr Bankhead, by Dromore Mr John Thomson, by Belfast Mr Killburn, by Bangor Mr Bryson, by B.mena Mr Douglas, by L.kenny Mr Alexander, by Monaghan Mr Trimble, by Clogher Mr Denham, by Tyrone Mr Stitt, by Killyleagh Dr Dickson, by Armagh Mr Livingston. They are to meet in the Vestry Room to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Any member may attend to give or receive Information, but not to vote. The Comt^ee to report.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

2^d Session Wednesday Morning 11 *o'clock, after Prayer.*

Mr Birch preached according to appointment.

Tryals

Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of members for the several Comt^ees. Also the accounts ordered which are as follow :—

Clogher Presb. have on the fund Mrs Scot & Mrs Mulligan, on Tryals, Messrs Ben Hall & Chas. Stewart.

Resigned
Resigned

Installed

Armagh Presb. report, that Dr Campbell resigned his Pastoral charge of the Cong^on of Armagh 14 Septr last; that Mr Jackson resigned his Pastoral Charge of the Cong^on of Banbridge, the 6th of January following & that on the same day they Installed in that Cong^on Mr Nathaniel Shaw, who is a Contributer to the widows fund. They have on the fund Mrs Moody & Mrs Ferguson; not on the fund Mrs Stewart & Mrs Carlisle.

Resigned

Ordained

Dromore Presb. report, that M^r McPherson resigned his Pastoral Charge of the Cong^on of Glentubbert, on the 24th day of Aug. last; That on the 15th June Inst. they ordained at Cumber Mr John McCance,

who subscribed the W. Conf. of faith, & is a contributer to the widows fund, & that according to Synodical Regulations they licensed Mr Andw Hirshaw who subscribed the W. Conf. of faith. They have on the fund Mrs Semple, Mrs Nelson, & Mrs Henry. Licensed

Killyleagh Presb. have on the fund Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Strong Mrs Smyth & family of Mr Henry.

Monaghan Presb. report, That they ordained Mr Joseph Lawson, at Lissluney, 15th Aug. 1789; Mr Saml Kennedy, at Bally James Duff, 4th March 1790; & Mr Jas Gouday, at Glentubbert, the 25th of same month; All Contributers to the widows fund.—They have on the fund Mrs Makee, Mrs Algoe, Mrs Warnock, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Fleming, Mrs Sprot, & family of Mr Harris. Three Ordained

T.Patrick Presb. have ordained Mr John Murphy, at Island Magee 15th Aug. 1789. He is a Contributer to the widows fund.—They have on the fund Mrs Dunbar, Mrs White, Mrs Cowan, & family of Mr Rogers. Ordained

Tyrone Presb. have ordained Mr Wm Henry, at Stewartstown, the 23rd day of March last. He subscribed the W. Conf. of faith, & is a Contributer to the widows fund. They have entered on first Tryals Mr Dan. McKee: on Second Tryals Mr John Smyth; & have on the fund Mrs Peebles, Mrs Duffin, Mrs Caldwell, & family of Mr White. Tryals

Belfast Presb. have on the fund, Mrs Kinkead, Mrs Kennedy, & family of Mr Alexander.

L.kenny Presb. have ordained Mr Hugh Delap at Omagh, 15th April last. He is a Contributer to the widows fund. On the fund in their Bounds are Mrs McGaughey, Mrs Gordon, Mrs Delap, & Mrs Caldwell. Ordained

Bangor Presb. have licensed Mr Josiah Ker; & have on the fund, Mrs Mitchel, Mrs Warnick, & Mrs Jackson. Licensed

From Derry, Strabane, Rout, B.mena, & Dublin Presbyteries no Returns.

Gen. Synod's fixed Comtee for 1790.

Minrs from Presb. of Clogher.	Minrs from Presb. of Killyleagh.
Mr Andw Millar.	Mr Nelson & Dr Dickson.
Armagh.	Monaghan.
Messrs Livingston & Sloan.	Messrs Trimble & Davis.
Dromore.	T.Patrick.
Messrs J. Thomson & Birch.	Messrs Read & Bankhead.

Min^{rs} from Presb. of Tyrone.	Min^{rs} from Presb. of L.kenny.
Messrs Murray & Stitt.	Messrs Taylor & Love.
Belfast.	Bangor.
Messrs Birch & Killburn.	Messrs Cochran & Bryson.

These with an Elder from each Presbytery & our Moderator & Clerk, are to meet at Lurgan, when called by the Moderator on any Emergency, fifteen to be a Quorum, whereof twelve at least are to be ministers.

Comt^{ee} at Killraats

Mr John Thomson reported that the Comt^{ee} met at Killraats according to order of last Synod; & that they had issued the Business for which they had been appointed.

Mr Lindsay & Dundalk

It appearing from a Petition of Mr Colin Lindsay, that the sum of Eight pounds ordered by last Synod to be paid to him by the Cong^{on} of Dundalk, had not been paid; This Synod renews the order of last respecting that matter, and orders the Presb. of Armagh to appoint one of their members to exchange Pulpits with Mr Bryson, & read this minute to the Cong^{on}. He is also to inform them, that if a Receipt for said money shall not be produced to this Synod at their next meeting, the Connection between the Synod and Cong^{on} of Dundalk, shall be then dissolved.

Resolution respecting Synods fixed Comt^{ees}

Moved & unanimously agreed to, That on every occasion in which a Moderator may call a Synod's Comt^{ee}, He shall state particularly to every member of such Comt^{ee}, the Business for which they are called; & if the occasion will admit, allow time sufficient to converse with their respective Presbyteries, concerning the same. Also that all members of this Synod, attending Synods fixed Comt^{ees} by Returns from the several Presbyteries shall be refunded the expence incurred by such attendance, by their respective Presbyteries..

Interlocutor at 5 o'clock, open Synod at 7. Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned.

3^{d} Session Wednesday Evening, 7 o'clock, after Prayer.

Synods next meeting

Moved that the time and place of the Synods next meeting be now fixed. Lurgan & Stewartstown were proposed. The Roll was called, & it carried to meet at Lurgan on the last Tuesday in June 1791; Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

Letter to Presb. of Antrim

Complaint having been made to this Synod, that the Presb. of Antrim had encouraged an Erection in the bounds of a Cong^{on} under our Care; the Synod resolved that our Mod^{r} assisted by a Comt^{ee} of the following Brethren, viz. Dr Dickson, Mr Killburn, Mr John Thomson, & M^{r}. Jas. Birch, shall write a letter to that Presbytery respecting that matter.

Mr. Thos Birch having agreeably to the notice given by him last year now moved, "That the Act of Synod of the year 1737, Impowering the ministers of Dublin to address his Majesty or our chief Governor in the name of the Protestant Dissenters of Ireland be repealed"; The Previous Question was moved, viz. "Shall this Question be put or not?"—The Roll was called & it carried, "Not." Motion respecting Addresses

Mr Denham reported from the Presb. of Clogher that application had been made to them by the Presbyterian Inhabitants of Newport & Thurlow to have a stated minister placed among them, for whose support they informed the Presb. they would be able to raise about fifty pounds a year. That in consequence thereof the Presb. had appointed Mr Marshal a Probtationer under their care to preach to them for some time; & afterwards a member of the Presb. to take the minds of the People concerning him. That the People were unanimous in giving him a Call; but that the Presb. would not proceed to Ordain him, without the approbation & Consent of the Synod. Newport & Thurlow

The Synod approve of the conduct of the Presb. of Clogher in that matter; Consent that Newport & Thurlow shall be erected into a Congon, & that the Presb. shall proceed to ordain Mr Marshal, as soon as the People shall satisfy them in respect to a sufficient security for his support. Erected

Interlocutor tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock. Open Synod at the conclusion of the Interlr. Session concluded with Prayer—Adjourned.

4th Session Thursday Morning 11 *o'clock, after Prayer.*

The Minister & Congon of Glentubbert, with the Consent of the Presbyteries of Dromore & Monaghan, are put under the care of the Presbytery of Monaghan. Glentubbert

Moved & unanimously resolved, that the Rule of this Synod requiring that no Minister or Congon, shall be disannexed from, or annexed to, any Presbytery belonging to this Synod, by any other Authority than that of Synod, Be, and hereby Is, continued in full force. Rule of Synod enforced

Ordered, that our Moderator shall write a letter to the Presb. of Munster, remonstrating against the Conduct of Mr Blair a member of their Presb., for Irregularly Introducing a Probationer to Drumurry, a Congon within the Bounds of the Presb. of Bangor, & under the Care of this Synod; & afterwards presiding in drawing up a Call for him. Letter to Presb. of Munster

Resolved that we approve of the Conduct of the Presb. of Bangor respecting Dunmurry, in deferring the Ordination of Mr Taggart in that place until the matter might come before this Body. Presb. of Bangor

The following Overture was proposed to this Synod:—"That a Person be appointed to examine the Records of this Synod from the year 1697 until the present time, & have an Abstract drawn out, of all the Laws, Acts, & Regulations of this Synod, arranged in their proper order; & this abstract to be produced to the next meeting of the Gen. Overture

Synod, to be examined by a Comt^{ee} then appointed; in order to its being printed, for the use of the members of this Synod, & the Congregations under their Care."

Agreed to

The above Overture was unanimously approved & Mr John Thomson was requested to take the Trouble of examining the Records & arranging the said abstract. With this Request of the Synod Mr Thomson was so obliging as to comply, & in consequence thereof, all their Records were ordered to be put into his hands.

Mr Henry & Ballindrait

Complaint having been made to this Synod that the Cong^{on} of Ballindrait had not satisfied the demands of Mr Wm Henry for preaching in that place, the Synod recommend it to the Presb. of L.kenny, to see that Justice be done to Mr Henry in that matter.

Comt^{ee} to meet at Killraats

Moved & unanimously agreed to that a Comt^{ee} of this Synod consisting of the following Brethren, viz: Messrs Bankhead, Brown of Broughshane, Cochran, Thomson of Larne, & Lindsay, with their Elders, shall meet at Killraats on the last Wednesday of July Ins^{t}, to settle a dispute between Mr John Adams & Mr Ephraim Cuming. The Com^{tee} of the Cong^{on} to be present & assist. Mr Thomson to preach. This Minute to be read in the Cong^{on} of Killraats on some Lords day previous to the meeting of the Committee.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with Prayer.

1st Interlocutor Wednesday Evening 5 o'clock.

First Report of Comt^{ee} of Accounts

The Comt^{ee} of the Synod appointed to Inspect the Acct^{s} of our Agent, gave in the following Report, signed by Mr Bankhead their Chairman which was unanimously approved of, & agreed to, by the Interlocutor.

Lurgan, June 30th 1790 7 o'clock A.M.

"Synods Comt^{ee} of Accounts met agreeable to appointment, and examined the accounts of their Agent, for R.D. down to the Decr Q^{r} 1789 inclusive, all the particulars of which they heartily approve.

Adjourned till 11 o'clock A.M.

"Comt^{ee} met according to adjournment, went through Mr Black's correspondence with the Representative of the late James Lang, from which they are enabled to inform this Synod, that there is a considerable sum, yet due from the latter in respect to R.D. and that in the Opinion of Comt^{ee} Mr Blacks conduct in this Troublesome Business is highly worthy of the Thanks of this Synod.—Comt^{ee} are clearly of Opinion that the Charge for Negotiations, or Fees, is totally inadmissible; & therefore that this Synod should order their Agent to call upon the said Representative as soon as may be, for the above Ballance & if Payment is delayed, to take the most speedy & effectual steps for Recovery of the same.

"The Comtce are also of Opinion, that the account against the Revd Alexr M'Combe originated from Private Transactions, in which the funds of this Synod are unconcerned; & therefore the Ballance stated against Mr M'Combe is not to be admitted by their Agent, but that it should be immediately demanded of the Representative of the late James Lang."

Resolved unanimously, that the Thanks of the Synod be given to Mr Black for his unremitting attention to the Business of the R.D. and for his great trouble in transacting the same with the Representative of our late Agent; & Thanks were accordingly given him. Thanks to Mr Black

Moved that a Double portion of the R.D. be continued to Mr Todd for this year. The Question was put, "Continue or Not?"—The Roll was called & it carried, "Not." Mr Todd

Mr Bankhead gives notice that he will next year move, that the annual subscription of every Contributer to the Widows fund, shall instead of 40 Shillings be three pounds, and that every annuitant on the fund shall receive Twenty pounds a year. Notice of a Motion

2d *Interlocutor Thursday Morning.*

The Comtce of Accounts gave in the following Report, signed by Mr Bankhead Chairman of the Comtce, which was unanimously approved of, and agreed to by the Interlocutor. Second Report of Comtce of Accounts

"Lurgan, Thursday Morning 7 o'clock.

"Comtce went through the whole of the Account of the Widows fund for one year, ending the 1st day of January last past, the Regularity and precision of which meet their warmest approbation; And from the Trouble which attends the Business of the fund, and the Essential service which Mr Black has already rendered to the same, It is the Opinion of this Comtce That Twenty pounds ℔ annum be allowed him for transacting the Business thereof."

Resolved, that every minister ordained to the Charge of a Congon shall be entitled to the R.D. from the Quarter day immediately following his Ordination, until the Quarter day immediately following the Dissolution of his Connection with the Congregation. Time of possessing R.D.

The Revd Philip Taylor having communicated to our Agent the Opinion of the Ministers of the Southern Assotiation, that a Compliment of Twenty-five Guineas ought to be made to Mr Benjamin Vaughan, the Agent for our English Bounty in consideration of his Attention to, & Trouble with the same; This Synod unanimously concur with our Brethren of the Southern Assotiation; & our Agent is hereby authorised to advance Twelve Guineas & an half, being our Proportion of the said Twenty-five Guineas. Compliment to Mr Vaughan

Messrs Livingston, McClure & Birch, are appointed to answer the Letters of the Trustees of the Widows fund, & Mr Hugh Lang.

The Letters to the Trustees & Mr Lang were read, approved, & ordered to be subscribed by the Moderator.

Inserted 30th August 1790, by

ROBERT DICKSON, Clk of G. Synod.

N.B.—Mr Dunlop a member of Strabane Presb. was ordained at Badeney 15th March 1790, & is to be a Subscriber to the Widows Fund.

The Presbytery of Root ordained Mr Arthur McMahon the 12th day of Octr 1789. Mr Gideon McMullan, in Febry 1790, & Mr Alexr Martin, 18th May 1790, all Contributers to the Widows Fund.

A Gen. Synod at Lurgan, 28th June 1791.

Mr Barber the Moderator of the former Synod opened this, by preaching from Revel. xviii. 20. Then constituted it by Prayer; After which there were present from the several Presbyteries the following members :—

Minrs.	Elders.
Dromore Presb.	
Isaac Patrick	Alexr. Arnold
Robert McClure	Jas. Robinson
Saml. Barber	Robert Stewart
Jas. Birch	Jas. McAdam
John Thomson	Geo. Smyth
Dr. Little	Thos. Lindsay
John Sherrard	Henry Dickson
Wm. Magee	John Boyd
Wm. Fletcher	
Moses Thomson	John Moore
Jas. Waddell	Saml. McAdam
John McCance	Malcom Richie
Belfast Presb.	
Jas. Huey	Mr. John Gouday
Saml. Patten	
Jas. Malcom	
Alexr. Henry	Jas. Malcomson
Thos. Birch	John McWilliam
Andw. Grier	
Geo. Brydone	
Sinclair Killburn	
Geo. McEwen	Wm. Stewart
Robert Carlisle	
Jas. Simson	
Bangor Presb.	
Jas. Hull	Dr. Lowrey
Andw. Craig	
David Trotter	Mr. Dobbin
Jas. Porter	
B.mena Presb.	
Joseph Douglass	
L.kenny Presb.	
Andw. Alexander	Mr. John Gillespie
David Allen	
Clogher Presb.	
Jas. Ker	
Andw. Millar	Chas. Stewart
Joseph Denham	
Jas. Davison	Mr. Charleton

Minrs.	Elders.
Monaghan Presb.	
Wm. Moore	
John Davis	
Matt. Trimble	Joseph Thomson
Robt. Montgomery	Alexr. Ferguson
John Arnold	
Jas. Whiteside	
Joseph Lawson	
Root Presb.	
Wm. Knox	
Robert Rentoul	
Arthur McMahon	
Alexr. Martin	
Tyrone Presb.	
John McClelland	
Jas. Whiteside, Senr.	
Moses Hogg	Wm. Gillespie
Geo. Murray	
Jas. Whiteside, Junr.	
Wm. Stitt	
Joseph Smyth	Jas. Dunlop
Hugh Boyland	
Geo. Dougal	
Thos. McCay	Robt. Vincent
Killyleagh Presb.	
Moses Nelson	
Dr. Dickson	
Robert Porter	
Jas. Knox	
Armagh Presb.	
Saml. Livingston	Mr. John Porter
Robert Dickson	
Saml. Sloan	
Thos. Cuming	Hugh Lilburn
Andw. Bryson	Saml. Coulter
Nath. Shaw	Robt. Stirling
Wm. Henry	Wm. Cochran

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Strabane Presb.		T.Patrick Presb.	
Dr. Craford		Thos. Read	
Robt. Clarke	Thos. Anderson	John Bankhead	
Jas. Henderson	Andw. Sproul	John Abernethy	
		John Gibson	Jas. Cuningham
Derry Presb.		John Savage	
		Adam Hill	
Saml. Patten		Robert Orr	John Bell
John Law		Robert Thomson	
David Young		John Murphy	
Robert Black			
Hugh Brooks			

Mod^r chosen

Mr Barber having moved, that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, the following Brethren were named—viz., Revd Messrs Ja^s Birch, Thos Birch, Ja^s Ker, Wm Moore, Wm Stitt, Moses Nelson, Saml Sloan, John Law & John Savage.—The Roll was called, & Mr Ja^s Birch chosen.—Mr Dickson continued Clerk.

Clk. continued

Order to Presbs.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night & to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning of their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Funds, & General Synods fixed Comt^ee. An account of such ministers as have died, been Ordained, or Installed; & of such Candidates as have been Licensed, or entered on Tryals, since last Gen. Synod.—An account of Annuitants, on the Fund; of any that have died; & of the time when such did die. Also of Women in their Bounds who have been wives of ministers, & are not on the Fund.

Second Sermon

Mr Stitt is ordered to preach to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock according to appointment of last Gen. Synod & Mr Moore having been next in votes to the Mod^r chosen, (except Mr Nelson who preached before, & Mr Stitt who is to preach to-morrow) is ordered to preach on the second Day of this Synods next meeting, at 9 o'clock before noon.

Comt^ee of Accounts

The following members were returned by the several Presbs. as a Comt^ee to inspect the Accounts of our Agent, viz. by Dromore Presb. Mr John Thomson, by Belfast M^r M'Ewen, by Bangor Mr Hull, by Clogher Mr Davison, by Monaghan Mr Moore, by Tyrone M^r M'Cay, by Killyleagh Dr Dickson, by Armagh Mr Shaw, by Derry Mr Young, & by T.Patrick Mr Savage.—They are to meet in the vestry Room to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Any member may attend to give or receive Information, but not to vote. The Comt^ee to report.

Motion

Moved that it be an Instruction to the Comt^ee of Accounts to report to the first Interlocutor the amount of the Capital of the Widows Fund, with the annual Interest arising from the same. The number of Contributers to the fund; & the sum by them contributed during the last year. Also the number of Annuitants on the fund, & the sum due and payable to them, from the first day of January 1790, to first day of January 1791.

The motion unanimously agreed to. Agreed to

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

2d *Session Wednesday Morning* 11 *o'clock after prayer.*

Mr Stitt preached according to appointment.

Returns were made by the several Presbs of members for the several Comtees—Also the accounts ordered, which are as follow.—

Killyleagh Presb. report, that Mrs Armstrong died 8th July 1790. Dead
That they licensed Mr Jas Nelson in Septr 1789.—& that they have on Licensed
the fund Mrs Strong, Mrs Smyth, & family of Mr Henry.

Armagh Presb report, that they have on the fund Mrs Moody & Mrs Ferguson; not on the fund Mrs Stewart, & Mrs Carlisle.—That they have received under their care Mr Josiah Ker, a Probationer, from the Presb. of Bangor; and that the Congon of Armagh had given a to the Call Revd Wm Henry a member of Tyrone Presb. whose Credentials were sustained; but that he is not yet Installed.

T.Patrick Presb. have on Tryals Mr Thos Alexander—on the fund Mrs Dunbar, Mrs White, Mrs Cowan, & family of Mr Rogers.

Derry Presb. report, that Mr Jas Patten died 24th June 1790. Dead
That they have on first Tryals Messrs Joseph Douglass, Robt Rogers,
& John Pinkerton,—Have Licensed Messrs Joseph Osborne John Licensed
M'Robb & Jas Cannon.—Have ordained at Dungiven, on the first Ordained
Tuesday of Novr last Mr Robert Steel, who is a Contributer to the widows fund. And have on the fund Mrs Hare, Mrs Lyle, Mrs Walker, Senr, Mrs Walker Junr, Mrs Adams, Mrs Patten, & families of Messrs Bond, & Ferguson.

Clogher Presb. report, that they ordained Mr Alexr Marshal at Ordained
Turlogh on the 14th of July 1790. He is a Contributer to the widows
fund. They have licensed Messrs Ben Hall, & Chas Stewart, and Licensed
have on the fund Mrs Scott, & Mrs Mulligan.

Bangor Presb. have on the fund Mrs Mitchel, Mrs Warnick, & Mrs Jackson.

Monaghan Presb. report, that Mr Rogers died in March last. He Dead
left a widow, & children. That Mrs Makee died in Octr last—And Dead
that they have on the fund Mrs Algoe, Mrs Warnock, Mrs Fleming, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Sprat, Mrs Rogers, & family of Mr Harris.

L.kenny Presb. report, that they ordained Mr Wm Houston at Ordained
Donegal 2d of March last & Mr Jas M'Clintock at Cappagh 24th May
last, both Contributers to the widows fund—They have Licensed Mr Licensed
John Gillespie; and have on the fund Mrs M'Gaughey, Mrs Gordon, Mrs Delap, & Mrs Caldwell.

Dromore Presb. have on the fund Mrs Semple, Mrs Nelson, & Mrs Henry.

Licensed

Tyrone Presb. report, that Mr Wm Henry resigned his Pastoral Charge of the Congon of Stewartstown the 5th of Janry last. They have according to Synodical Regulations Licensed Messrs Wm Read, & Daniel Makee, who subscribed to the W. Conf. of Faith. Have entered on first Tryals Messrs Robt Hogg, & John M'Ilwain;—and have on the fund Mrs Peebles, Mrs Duffin, Mrs Caldwell, & family of Mr White.

Ordained

Licensed

Root Presb. have ordained Mr Archibald Fullerton, at Aughadowey the 2d Tuesday of Decr last. He subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith, & is a Contributer to the widows fund—They have licensed Mr Lochridge, who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith, according to the Synods formula; And have on the fund Mrs Gaston, Mrs Smylie, Mrs Davis & Mrs Hamilton.

Ordained

Strabane Presb. report, that they ordained Mr Jas Henderson at Derg 27th May last, who is a Contributer to the widows fund—They have on Tryals Mr Wm Hamilton—On the fund Mrs Coulter & family of Mr Young.

Licensed

Ordained

B.mena Presb. have according to Synodical Regulations Licensed Messrs Thos Makee & Samuel Hannah. Have ordained Mr Alexr Montgomery at Antrim 31st May last, who is a Contributer to the widows fund; & have on the fund Mrs O'Brien, Mrs Hill, Mrs Brown, & Mrs Rankin.

Ordained

Belfast Presb. report that they ordained Mr Jas Simson Colleague to the Revd Jas Huey in the Congon of Newtonards 24th Aug. last; He subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith & wishes to be a Contributer to the widows fund.—They have on the fund Mrs Kinkead, Mrs Kennedy, & family of Mr Alexander.

Gen. Synods fixed Comtee for the year 1791.

Presbs.	Minrs.
Killyleagh,	Messrs Sinclair, & Petterson.
Armagh	Messrs Livingston, & Sloan
T.Patrick	Messrs Bankhead, & Abernethy—
Clogher	Mr Millar,
Derry	Messrs Law & Black
Bangor	Messrs Cochran & Craig
Tyrone	Messrs Murray & Stitt,
Dromore	Messrs Barber & J. Thomson.
Monaghan	Messrs Trimble & Whiteside.

Presbs.	Minrs.
L.kenny	Messrs J. Holmes & Hen. Miller.
Root	Messrs Marshal & Jas. Elder.
Strabane	Mr Dunlop.
B.Mena	Messrs Cuming & Lindsay.
Belfast,	Messrs Birch Killburn & M'Ewen,

These with an Elder from each Presbytery & our Moderator & Clerk are to meet at Lurgan when called by the Modr on any Emergency; fifteen to be a Quorum, whereof twelve at least are to be ministers.

Moved that the time & place of the Synods next meeting be now fixed. Lurgan & Dungannon, were proposed.—The Roll was called & it carried to meet at Lurgan, on the last Tuesday in June 1792. Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon. Synods next Meeting

The several Committees are ordered to meet immediately. Interlocutor at 5 o'clock. Open Synod at 7. Adjourned.

3d Session Wednesday Evening 7 o'clock after prayer.

Resolved, that the Presb. of Antrim, in not taking notice of our letter to them of last year which was delivered by our Modr to the Revd Wm Bryson, a member of that Presbytery, have treated this Synod with unkindness and Disrespect. Presb. of Antrim

Resolved that our Clerk be ordered to transmit a Copy of this Resolution to that Presbytery.

On reading the order of last Synod for the payment of Eight Pounds by the Congon of Dundalk, to Mr Lindsay; it was alledged on the part of the Congon, that there was a mistake in the matter. Wherefore the Synod appointed Dr Crawford, Mr Hull, & Mr Stitt, as a Comtee to enquire into it; which they did and reported that "They were clearly of opinion, that the Congon of Dundalk instead of being indebted to Mr Lindsay, had overpaid him." Dundalk

The Report agreed to by the Synod.

In answer to a letter from this Synod to Dr Campbell Modr of the Presb. of Munster, complaining of the conduct of Mr Blair one of their members respecting the Congon of Dunmurry, a very Kind & Respectful letter was received by our Modr from the Doctor, in which he informs us; that the Presb. of Munster had expressed their disapprobation of Mr Blairs Conduct in the Instance complained of; but that Mr Blair was since dead. Presb. of Munster

On reading the Minute respecting Mr Thomsons making an Abstract from our Records, consisting of the several Laws & Abstract from Synods Records

Regulations of this Synod; the Synod heard with Regret that Mr Thomsons state of health had prevented him from compleating the work; & request that he may resume his Labours so soon as his Health will permit.

Ballindrait

This Synod renews the Order of last to the Presb. of L.kenny to see that the Congon of Ballindrait do satisfy the Just Demands of Mr Henry for preaching there.

Report from a Comtee

Mr Robert Thomson reported that the Comtee met at Killraats according to the order of last Synod, & had issued the affair in Dispute, to the satisfaction of both Parties.

The Comtee of Accounts to meet to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.—Interlocutor at 8.—Open Synod at 11. Session concluded with Prayer.—Adjourned.

4th Session Thursday morning 11 o'clock, after Prayer.

Armagh

The Presb. of Armagh having applyed to this Synod for advice in the affair of the Installment of Mr Henry in the Congon of Armagh The Synod advise the Presb. to proceed to his Installment with all convenient speed.

Drumquin

A memorial from a part of the Congon of Derg which statedly worshipped at Drumquin; & a memorial from another Party formerly belonging to said Congon, were presented to this Synod, supplicating to be erected into a separate Congon. After reasoning on the subject, the Question was put—"Appoint a Comtee to determine that matter or not?" The Roll was called and it carried, "Appoint." The Comtee to consist of the following members, viz. From Presb. of Clogher Messrs Ker, Millar, Denham, & Davison. From L.kenny Messrs Alexander, Leitle, Taylor, & Love. And from Derry Messrs Patten, Young, Cuningham, & Goorley, with their Elders. They are to meet at Drumquin on the second Wednesday of Aug. next, seven ministers & three Elders, to be a Quorum; & Mr Millar to preach. The Comtee are impowered to take into consideration the Relative Situation of Pettigo & Drumquin & to erect them into a Congon if they shall see it expedient. Notice of this to be given to the People of Pettigo, by the Revd Mr Alexander.

Comtee to meet there

Mrs Sprat

A memorial from Mrs Sprat, widow of the late Revd Wm Sprat was presented to this Synod, Supplicating their Interference in respect to the arrear of Localities due by different Congons in the Presb. of Monaghan & Elsewhere.

The Synod enjoin the Presb. of Monaghan, & the ministers of such Congons not in their Bounds, as usually paid Localities to Mr Spratt, to make collections in their Repective Congons & pay the sums collected into the hands of the Rev Robert Montgomery to be by him applyed to the Purposes specified in Mrs Sprats memorial.

Session concluded with Prayer Adjourned until 5 o'clock.

5th Session Thursday Evening 5 o'clock, after prayer.

Moved & unanimously agreed, That Inasmuch as the Recommendation of this Synod in the year 1789 respecting Psalmody, hath not been read in many of our Congons; It be read immediately, after Divine Service in each Congon belonging to this Synod before Novr next. And the members of this Synod are enjoined to use their utmost endeavours to have Church Musick cultivated in their Respective Congons; and Congons are enjoined to encourage Clerks who are qualified to preside in Singing the Praises of God; and to procure suitable Teachers of Psalmody in their Respective Bounds—And the Particular member of each Presb. to whom the Synods Minutes shall be sent, is hereby enjoined to transmit a Copy of this Resolution to each member of the Presbytery. Psalmody

The Moderator concluded this Synod with Prayer.

1st Interlocutor Wednesday Evening 5 o'clock.

Mr Black reported to this Interlr that he had received from Mr Hugh Lang, the Representative of our late Agent, the full amount of every Demand he had against him, on account of R.D. & widows fund. Report of Mr Black

A Letter from Mr Lang to our Modr was read & it was unanimously resolved, That the Thanks of this Synod be given to Mr Lang for the fair, candid, & gentleman-like manner in which he had settled the accounts of his late Brother with this Synod; and Dr Dickson & Mr Livingston are appointed to write him accordingly. Thanks to Mr Lang

Comtee of Accounts met according to appointment & gave in the following Report signed by Mr Thomson their Chairman. First Report of Comtee of Accounts

"Capital of the Widows fund .. .. £11682 : 12 : 3
Annual Produce .. .. .. £683 : 0 : 0
Number of Contributers 165.
"Amount paid by Do. for the year ending 29th Septer 1790, ... £336 : 12 : 10
Number of Annuitants 1st Janry 1791, 68.
Amount of Cash paid & payable to Do. .. £812 : 13 : 8

Comtee examined our Agents Accounts of R.D. down till Decr Qr 1790 inclusive, with the most minute attention; & should think themselves defective in common Justice did they not express to Synod their warmest approbation of his attention & correctness in every part of a very laborious Task."

2d Interlocutor Thursday Morning 8 o'clock.

The following Report of the Comtee of Accounts signed by Mr Thomson their Chairman, was read & agreed to by the Interlr.— Second Report of Comtee of Accounts

Lurgan 30th June 1791.

"On examining our Agents Accounts of the widows fund, Item by Item, they report, That they found them in every particular perfectly satisfactory; & beg leave to submit the following Facts to this Synod.

On Mr Blacks appointment to the agency in 1789 the Productive Capital of the widows fund was	..	£11338 : 6 : 6
Do in 1791	...	£11682 : 12 : 3
Increase in Capital in two years..	..	£344 : 5 : 9
Rateable Produce in 1789 ℔ annum	..	£604 ..
Do. in 1791	..	£683 ..
Increase of Do. ℔ annum ..	..	£79 ..

Motion

Moved that our present Agent shall transact the Business of R.D. & widows fund, at one ℔ cent for R.D. & Two & an half for widows fund.

Rejected

The previous Question was put, viz. "Shall this Question be put or not?" The Roll was called & it carried, "Not."

3d *Interlocutor Thursday Evening.*

Mr McPherson

Moved & agreed, That the sum of Thirty Guineas be paid out of R.D. to Mr M'Pherson, late minister of Glentubbert in consideration of the sum paid by him into the widows fund, & that Dr Dickson, Dr Little, & Mr John Thomson be impowered to draw upon our Agent for the same, & pay it to Mr M'Pherson to be applyed only to the purpose of removing himself & family to America.

Mr Simson

Application was made by the Revd Jas Simson of Newtonards to know on what Terms he can be admitted a Contributer to the widows fund.

On account of the Thinness of the House, & a seeming difficulty attending this Question, the Determination of it was deferred till next Synod. By this however, Mr Simson is not precluded any Right.

Sale of annuity allowed

The children of the late Mr Henry of Drumbannagher may dispose of the annuity they are entitled to by the Regulations of the widows fund, as their Rights will be made good to their assignees, in the fullest manner.

Mr Allen

Resolved that a Double Portion of R D. be allowed to the Revd Mr Allen of Dunfannaghy for this year.

Mr Rentoul

A Petition from the Revd Mr Rentoul, supplicating to be admitted a snbscriber to the widows fund was presented to this Interlr—As a Premium for admission he proposed to pay immediately into the fund, six pounds twelve shillings for the first year after his Installment in Lurgan, which took place 26 Septr 1773, & forty shillings for each year since. And in case he shall die before the expiration of ten years, from this date, the sum of forty shillings for each year, to be deducted from the annuity of his widow or children, until the term of ten years be compleated.

The supplication granted on the Terms proposed.

A memorial from the Cong^on^ of Sligo was presented to this Interl^r^ setting forth the declining state of that Cong^on^ & requesting that a double Portion of R.D. may be allowed to their minister. Sligo

Resolved that the consideration of this Business be postponed until the next meeting of Gen. Synod—And in case an application shall be then made by the Cong^on^, it is required that it shall come recommended by their Presbytery.

Mr John Thomson & Mr Magee are appointed to assist the Mod^r^ in answering the letter of the Trustees of the widows fund.

Inserted the 31st day of August 1791, by

ROBERT DICKSON,
Clk. of Gen. Synod.

Lurgan 14th *February* 1792.

At a meeting of the Gen Synods fixed Committee at Lurgan on the 14th day of Feb^ry^ 1792 there were present the following members, viz : —

Revd Messrs Ja^s^ Birch Mod^r^, Robert Dickson Clerk.

Presb Killyleagh	Ja^s^ Sinclair, Ja^s^ Petterson.
Armagh	Saml Livingston, Saml Sloan.
Derry	Robert Black, Henry Elder.
Bangor	Ja^s^ Cochran, Andw. Craig.
Tyrone	Geo Murray, Wm Stitt.
Clogher	And^w^ Millar, Ja^s^ Davison
Monaghan	John Arnold, Ja^s^ Whiteside
Letterkenny	John Holmes, Henry Miller
Root	Alex^r^ Marshal, Ja^s^ Elder
Dromore	Saml Barber, & Joseph M^c^Neilly an Elder
Ballymena	Ja^s^ Cuming, John Lindsay
Templepatrick	John Bankhead, John Abernethy
Belfast	Thos Birch, Sinclair Killburn, Geo. M^c^Ewen
Antrim	Patrick Vance, Ja^s^ Nelson

The Mod^{r} informed the Comt^{ee}, that in consequence of a letter from our Agent Mr Black, he had called this meeting for the purpose of considering of an Application for an augmentation of R.D.

Resolved that the Thanks of the Comt^{ee} be given to our Mod^{r} for his very proper conduct in calling this meeting, & for the correct & timely notice given to the several members.

Mr Black gave a Minute & Circumstantial Detail of the motives which induced him to request the Mod^{r} to call this meeting; & of the steps taken by him subsequent to the Call.

From Mr Blacks Report it appears that the Business has been brought to an Happy, & Honourable Issue; & that in the accomplishment of it we are highly indebted to the Zealous, Prudent, & unremitting Exertions of James Stewart Esqr., Representative in Parliament for the County of Tyrone, & also that among other friends, we are particulary oblidged to the Marquis of Waterford for his unsolicited, & effectual, services.

Resolved that a Comt^{ee} consisting of the following members, viz. Messrs Murray, Millar, Marshal, Bankhead, Livingston, Black, & Stitt be appointed to prepare an Address to his Majesty to be presented as soon as it shall be known that he has comply'd with the address of the House of Commons in our favour.

Resolved that the said Comt^{ee} shall prepare an Address to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, requesting him to transmit our Address to his Majesty.

Resolved that said Comt^{ee} shall also prepare an Address of Thanks to James Stewart Esqr.

Resolved also that a Letter be written to the Marquis of Waterford, expressing our Grateful sense of his services.

Resolved that it appears to this Comt^{ee}, That our Agent Mr Black, has throughout the whole of this Business acted with great Zeal, Wisdom, & Diligence, & that he has essentially promoted the Interest, & supported the Honour of this Body.

Resolved that this Comt^{ee} do represent to next Gen. Synod the Grateful sense they entertain of his Services.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

2^{d} Session Wednesday Morning 10 *o'clock.*

The Addresses to his Majesty, to the Lord Lieutenant & Mr Stewart, & the Letter to the Marquis of Waterford were read, approved, and ordered to be subscribed by the Mod^{r}.

Resolved that Mr Black be, & hereby is appointed to carry up the Addresses to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

The Addresses are as follow :—

TO THE KINGS MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS OF THE SYNOD OF ULSTER.

May it please your Majesty

We your Majesty's most Dutiful & Loyal Subjects the Presbyterian Ministers of the Synod of Ulster, beg leave to approach your Majesty, with the sincerest expressions of Loyalty & Respect.

We humbly intreat your Majesty's Acceptance of our Warm & Grateful Thanks, for the Recent Instance of your Majesty's, Generous Consideration & Goodness in the farther Provision which your Majesty has condescended to make for our comfortable support; Agreeable to the Address & Representation, of your Majesty's House of Commons of Ireland.

We humbly beg leave to Assure your Majesty that we continue firm & unshaken in our Attachment to those Principles which seated your Majesty's Illustrious Family on the Throne of these Kingdoms, and that we shall continue to enforce by our Precepts & Example those sentments of Religion, Virtue, & Good Order, which have had in past times such an happy Influence in promoting Respect for the Laws, as well as a Spirit of Peace, & Good Will, towards those who differ from us in Modes of Faith, & Worship, which we deem perfectly compatible with an Object, than which none is more dear to our Hearts, the preservation of the Protestant Settlement in your Majestys Kingdom of Ireland.

That your Majesty may long continue to sit on the Throne of your Fathers, guarded by the Love & Attachment of your People, & then be removed full of years & virtue, to an Heavenly Kingdom, shall ever be the earnest Prayer, of your Majesty's Dutiful, & Loyal Subjects, the Presbyterian Ministers of the Synod of Ulster.

Done at Lurgan 14th Febry 1792.

Signed by order

JAMES BIRCH, Modr.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE EARL OF WESTMORELAND, LORD LIEUTENANT OF IRELAND.

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS OF THE SYNOD OF ULSTER.

May it please your Excellency

We his Majesty's Dutiful & Loyal Subjects the Presbyterian Ministers of the Synod of Ulster beg leave humbly to request of your

Excellency, that you would be pleased to forward to our Most Gracious Sovereign, the Humble, & Dutiful, Address which we herewith deliver to your Excellency; and we earnestly & humbly intreat your Excellency to represent us the Presbyterian Ministers of the Synod of Ulster, as Dutiful & Loyal Subjects of his Most Gracious Majesty; ready at all times to promote Peace, & Good Order in Society, & to preserve inviolate the Protestant Settlement in this his Majesty's Kingdom of Ireland.

Signed by order

JAMES BIRCH, Mod^r.

THE ADDRESS TO JAMES STEWART, Esq^R.

Sir

It is with Particular Pleasure we address ourselves to you, at this time, when our Hopes with Respect to the Augmentation of the Royal Bounty are about to be realized. You have been our constant & steady Friend. In you we have always confided & have never found ourselves disappointed. We are heartily sorry that you have been put to so much trouble in the Progress of this Business; but we are convinced you must feel the highest satisfaction in seeing your exertions crowned with success.

Your Friendship & Zeal in our Cause have made Impressions upon our minds, that can never be erazed; & we intreat you to believe, that we shall ever retain a grateful sense, of your kindness and support. Accept, Sir, of our sincere Thanks for all your generous services; & believe us to be, with every sentiment of gratitude, & esteem

Your most Obedient Humble Servants.

Signed by order

JAMES BIRCH, Mod^r.

THE LETTER TO THE MARQUIS OF WATERFORD.

My Lord

I am directed by the Com^tee of the Gen. Synod of Ulster met this day to inform your Lordship, that they have had a very particular account, from Mr Black of your Lordships flattering attention to the Interests of the Presbyterian Ministers of the Synod, and that they intreat your Lordship to accept the tender of their warm & Grateful Acknowledgments for the essential services you have rendered to the Presbyterian Cause, which they trust you will ever find intimately connected with the Cause of Religion, Virtue Liberty & Good Order.

I have the Honour to be your Lordships &c.

JAMES BIRCH, Mod^r of G. Synod.

Inserted 22^d Feb^ry 1792 by

ROBERT DICKSON, Clk. of Gen. Synod.

A Gen. Synod at Lurgan 26 *June* 1792.

Mr Birch the Moderator of the former Synod, opened this, by preaching from 1 Cor. 1. 10, 11, 12, then constituted it by Prayer; after which were present from the several Presbyteries the following members—

Minrs.	Elders.
Belfast Presb.	
Thos. Birch	John Magee
Sinclare Kelburn	
Robert Carlisle	
James Simson	
Bangor	
James Cochran	
James Bryson	
Andw. Craig	
Geo. Dobbin	
Dublin	
Dr. McDowel	Mr. Wm. Gilbert
James Horner	
B.mena	
James Cuming	
Thos. Henry	Mr. Strayhorn
Henry Henry	Mr. Armstrong
L.kenny	
Andw. Alexander	
Clogher	
James Davison	
Root	
William Knox	
Robert Thomson	
Alexr. Marshal	
Robert Rentoul	
Arthur McMekan	
Derry	
Robert Black	
Tyrone	
John McClelland	
James Whiteside Senr.	
Tyrone—continued.	
Moses Hogg	
Geo. Murray	
James Whiteside Junr.	
William Stitt	
Joseph Smyth	John Broomfield
Hugh Boyland	
Thos. McCay	Wm. Carson
Henry McIlree	
James Adams	
Monaghan Presb.	
William Moore	
John Davys	
Matt. Trimble	Joseph Thomson
John Arnold	
James Whiteside	
Joseph Lawson	
Killyleagh	
Dr. Dickson	Mr. Alexr. M'Donnel
Robert Porter	
James Petterson	
James Sinclair	
Armagh	
Saml. Livingston	Mr. John Porter
Robert Dickson	
Samuel Sloan	
Thos. Cuming	
Nath. Shaw	Wm. Kyle
Wm. Henry	
Strabane	
Hugh Hamil	
Mr. Dunlop	
T.Patrick	
John Bankhead	
John Abernethy	

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
T. Patrick—continued.		Dromore	
John Gibson		John Smyth	
John Savage		Saml. Barber	
Robert Orr		James Birch	Henry Boyd
Robert Thomson		John Thomson	Geo. White
		Joseph Hay	
		John Sherrard	Chas. Orr
		Wm. Magee	Jas. Boyd
		Wm. Fletcher	
		James Waddell	Saml. McAdam
		John McClelland	
		John McCance	James Stitt

Modr chosen

Mr Birch having moved that another Modr be chosen to this Synod, the following Brethren were named, viz. Revd Messrs Thos Birch, Thos Henry, James Davison Robt Thomson, Wm Moore, Wm Stitt. Dr Dickson, Saml Livingston, John Bankhead & John Sherrard. The Roll was called & Mr Stitt chosen—Mr Dickson continued Clerk.

Clerk continued

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night and to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning, of their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Funds, & Gen. Synods fixed Comtee—An account of such ministers as have died, been Ordained or Installed; & of such Candidates as have been Licensed or entered on Tryals since last Gen. Synod—An account of Annuitants on the fund, and of any that have died; And of the time when such did die.—Also of Women in their Bounds who have been wives of ministers and are not on the fund.

Mr Moore is ordered to preach to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock according to appointment of last Gen. Synod; and Mr Thos Birch having been next in votes, to the Modr chosen (except Dr Dickson & Mr Livingston who preached before) is ordered to preach on the second day of this Synods next meeting at 9 o'clock before noon.

Comtee of Accounts

The following members were returned by the Several Presbs as a Committee to inspect the Accounts of our Agent viz. By Belfast Presb. Mr Birch, by Dublin Dr McDowel, by Clogher Mr Davison, by B.mena Mr Henry Henry, by Monaghan Mr Whiteside, by Tyrone Mr McCay, by Killyleagh Dr Dickson, by Armagh Mr Livingston, by T.Patrick Mr Bankhead, by Dromore Mr Birch, & by Antrim Mr Neilson. They are to meet in the Vestry Room to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Any member may attend to give, or receive Information but not to vote. The Comtee to report.

Comtee of Accounts

Order to sd Comtee

Ordered that the Comtee of Accounts do report to the first Interloqr the amount of the Capital of the Widows fund with the annual Interest arising from the same.—The number of Contributers to the fund, & the sum by them contributed during the last year; Also the number of Annuitants on the fund and the sum due & payable to them from the 1st day of January 1791, to the 1st day of January 1792.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

2d Session Wednesday Morning, 11 o'clock, after prayer.

Mr Moore preached according to appointment.

Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of members for the several Comtees—Also the following Reports.

Dromore Presb. report, That they have entered on first Tryals Mr John Arnold, & have on the fund Mrs Semple, Mrs Neilson & Mrs Henry.

Killyleagh Presb. have on the fund Mrs Strong, Mrs Smyth, & family of Mr Henry.

Derry Presb. have according to Synodical Regulations, Licensed Messrs Joseph Douglas, Robert Rogers & John Pinkerton; and have on the fund Mrs Hare, Mrs Lyle, Mrs Walker, Senr, Mrs Walker, Junr, Mrs Adams, Mrs Patten, & families of Messrs Bond & Ferguson. Three Licensed

Armagh Presb. report, That agreeably to the advice of last Synod, they Installed the Revd Wm Henry, in the Congon of Armagh, on the 13th of July last. That they have on the fund Mrs Moody & Ferguson, & not on the fund, Mrs Stewart. Installed

Tyrone Presb. report, That they ordained Mr Hen: McIlree, at Vinecash on the 30th Aug. last, & Mr James Adams, at Stewartstown on the 6th Decr last. They subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith, & are Contributers to the widows fund. They have according to Synodical Regulations Licensed Messrs Robert Hogg, & John McIlwain, who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith. Have entered on first Tryals Messrs Harper, & Stewart; & Have on the fund Mrs Peebles, Mrs Duffin, & family of Mr White. Mrs Caldwell an Annuitant on the fund died 25 March last. Two Ordained Two Licensed Died

Dublin Presb. report, That they ordained the Revd James Horner, as Pastor of the Congon of Mary's Abby 4th Novr last:—That he subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith according to the Synods formula & is willing to be a Contributer to the widows fund:—And that they have on the fund Mrs Moore. Ordained

Monaghan Presb. report, That on the 16th March last they ordained at Longford the Revd Joseph Osborne, who is a Contributer to the widows fund.—That on the same day they licensed Mr Wm Charleton who subsribed the W. Conf. of Faith.—And that they have on the fund Mrs Algeo, Mrs Warnock, Mrs Fleming, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Sprat, Mrs Rogers & family of Mr Harris. Ordained Licensed

Root Presb. have licensed Messrs Wm McCala, & James Brown, who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith. Have on first Tryals Messrs Wm Sherriff, & Hugh Watt.—And on the fund Mrs Gaston, Mrs Smylie, Mrs Elder, Mrs Davis, Mrs Hamilton, & Mrs Smyth. Two Licensed

Belfast Presb. report, That the Revd Wm Laird died 8th Decr last & that they have on the fund, Mrs Kinkead, Mrs Kennedy, & families of Messrs Alexander, & Laird. Dead

Mr Gouday & Donnaghadee

Bangor Presb. report, That the Relation which subsisted between the Revd Alexr Gouday, & the Congon of Donnaghadee was dissolved on the 30th June 1791, and that he is no longer a member with them.

Ordained

That on the 1st May last they ordained at Moira the Revd Geo. Dobbin, who is a Contributer to the widows fund;—And that they have on the fund Mrs Mitchel, Mrs Warnick & Mrs Jackson.

Licensed

T.Patrick Presb. report, That they have licensed Mr Thos Alexander. Have entered on Tryals for Ordination Mr Atcheson; And that they have on the fund Mrs Dunbar, Mrs White, Mrs Cowan, & family of Mr Rogers.

Clogher Presb. have on the fund Mrs Scott, & Mrs Mulligan.

B.mena Presb. have on the fund Mrs O'Brian, Mrs Hill, Mrs Brown, & Mrs Rankin.

Strabane Presb. have licensed Messrs Charles Hemphil, & William Hamilton;—And have on the fund Mrs Turbet, Mrs Coulter, & family of Mr Young.

From L.kenny Presb. no Return, but of members for Gen. Synods fixed Committee.

Gen. Synods fixed Comtees for the year 1792:—

Dromore Presb.

Messrs Birch & Thomson

Killyleagh

Messrs Sinclair & Knox

Derry

Messrs Elder & Black

Armagh

Messrs Livingston & Sloan

Tyrone

Messrs McClelland & Whiteside Senr

Dublin

Messrs Wilson & Horner

Monaghan

Messrs Trimble & Davys

Root

Messrs Marshal & Martin

Belfast Presb.

Messrs Birch & Kelburn

Bangor

Messrs Cochran & Craig

T.Patrick

Messrs Montgomery & Hill

Clogher

Messrs Millar & Davison

B.mena

Messrs Christy & Montgomery

Strabane

Dr Craford & Mr Henderson

L.kenny

Messrs Taylor & Love

These with an Elder from each Presb., and our Mod^{r} & Clerk, are to meet at Lurgan, when called by the Mod^{r}, on any Emergency; fifteen to be a Quorum whereof Twelve at least are to be ministers.

Mr Birch the late Mod^{r} reported to the Synod, That in consequence of a letter from our Agent, Mr Black, He had called a meeting of the Gen. Synods fixed Comt^{ee} the Proceedings of which are referred to the consideration of the Interloq^{r}. Report of Mr Birch

Moved & unanimously agreed, That the Synods next meeting shall be at Lurgan on last Tuesday in June 1793; Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon. Synods Meeting

A Letter from the Revd Wm Bryson Mod^{r} of the Presbytery of Antrim addressed to our Mod^{r} was read, & was judged to be a Respectful & Satisfactory answer, to our letter to them in the year 1790. Letter from Presb Antrim

On reading the minute of last year respecting the Abstract from the Synods Records by Mr Thomson, Mr Thomson said: That he had not yet fully completed the Abstract nor arranged it to the satisfaction of his own mind; but that he would proceed to do so with all possible expedition; and submitted it to the Judgment of the Synod, whether they would think it proper to appoint some members to revise it, & if approved commit it to the Press. Abstract from Synods Records

On reading the minute respecting Mr Henry, & the Cong^{on} of Ballindrait, Mr Alexander, declared his willingness to lay the affair before Mr Marshal, & the Presb. of L.kenny & see that Justice be done to Mr Henry. Mr Henry & Ballindrait

Mr Alexander reported to the Synod that the number of members sufficient to form a Quroum did not attend at Drumquin & therefore no Business could be done. Report of Mr Alexander

Resolved, That such members as were appointed & did not attend the Synods Committee at Drumquin shall appear at the next meeting of this Synod under pain of Censure to show cause why they did not comply with the order of Synod.

Interloq^{r} at 5 o'clock, Open Synod at 7. Session concluded with Prayer.—Adjourned.

3^{d} Session Wednesday Evening 7 o'clock after Prayer.

The Report made by the Presb. of Bangor, "That the Relation which subsisted between the Revd Alex^{r} Gouday & the Cong^{on} of Donnaghadee was dissolved on the 30th June 1791, & that he is no longer a member with them," (Having received a Certificate from them in order to his going to America) is sustained, & Mr Gouday declared to be no longer connected with this Synod. Report of Presb of Bangor sustained; Mr Gouday no member of Synod

The Comt^{ee} of Accounts to meet to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock—Interloq^{r} at 8. Open Synod at 11. Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned.

4th Session Thursday Morning, 11 o'clock after Prayer.

Comtee to meet at Randalstown

Resolved that a Comtee consisting of the following Brethren, viz. from Root Presb. Messrs Rentoul & Marshal, from T. Patrick Messrs Bankhead, & Abernethy, from Belfast Messrs Birch & Kelburn, from Tyrone Messrs McClelland & Murray & from Dromore Mr John Thomson, shall meet at Randalstown on the second Tuesday of Aug. next, to assist the Presb. of B.mena, in judging of an affair of Scandal charged against a Candidate for the ministry under their Care—Mr McClelland to preach.

Mr Bryson's Congon

A Petition from the Congregation of the Revd Jas Bryson, was presented to this Synod Stating, "That having sometime since been forced to Erect a new place of worship, they earnestly pray to be continued under our Care." This granted from an Opinion that it did not militate against the Rule of Synod, made in the year 1789, respecting new Erections.

Ray & Allsaints Newton Cunningham

A Petition from the Presbyterian Inhabitants of the Parishes of Ray, & Allsaints, and a Petition from the Presbyterian Inhabitants of Newton Cunningham, were presented to this Synod, Stating "That they laboured under great Inconveniences on account of their great Distance from any Place of Publick Worship, being obliged to travel upwards of three or four miles to enjoy the opportunity of associating with their fellow Christians in Publick Worship; and therefore praying this Synod to order the Presb. of L.kenny to grant them supplies, or to refer them to a Committee of the Synod."

The Question was put, "Refer them to the Presb. of L.kenny or Not?" The Roll was called & it carried "Not." A motion was then made to Dismiss the affair, which was carried without a Division.

Pettigo & Drumquin

A supplication from the People of Pettigo & Drumquin was presented to this Synod, praying to be Erected into a separate Congregation.

Resolved that the People of Pettigo & Drumquin, shall be supplied by the Presb. of Strabane, until the next meeting of Synod. That during the course of this Summer, the Presb. shall administer the Lords Supper to them if they desire it. And that Commissioners shall be sent from both Places to our next meeting, if they persevere in their desire of being erected into a Congon under the sanction of said Presbytery.

Interloqr at 5 o'clock. Open Synod at 8. Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned.

5th Session, Thursday Evening, 8 o'clock after Prayer.

Overture of an Add

It is Overtured to this Synod, That an Address be presented to Mr Wilberforce expressing our Approbation of his Conduct in endeavouring to rescue from a state of Slavery and wretchedness an oppressed Race of our fellow Creatures.

The above Overture unanimously agreed to, and Messrs Birch, Black, Barber, Magee & Shaw, are appointed to prepare & bring in the same. Agreed to

Interloqr to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Open Synod at 10. Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned.

6th Session Friday Morning 10 *o'clock, after Prayer.*

The Address to Mr Wilberforce was reported, agreed to, ordered to be transmitted by the Moderator, & with Mr Wilberforce's Answer to be published. It is as follows:—

TO WILLIAM WILBERFORCE, Esqr.

Sir,

We the Ministers and Elders of the Gen. Synod of Ulster in the Kingdom of Ireland, accustomed Individually to Contemplate your Character with Admiration, & Esteem, Joyfully embrace the opportunity which our Annual Meeting affords of declaring our most cordial Approbation of your Liberal, Dignified, & persevering Struggles, in the Cause of Insulted Humanity. We should think ourselves shamefully defective on our Duty to God, to the world, & our own Consciences, did we not come forward to bear our Publick Testimony against the Unnatural Traffick in Human flesh, which has so long disgraced the Nations of Europe. A Traffick which in our eyes is Barbarous, in itself sinks a part of our species to a level with Beasts of Burthen, Disgraces the Religion of a Mild & Merciful Jesus, and tramples under foot the Sacred Book, stamped with the Authority of the Most High, which expressly declares that "He that stealeth a man & selleth him shall surely be put to Death." At the same time we feel ourselves bound to express our warmest acknowledgments to you Sir, & your faithful associates, for your Noble Exertions in the cause of our Nature. That they may be crowned with Speedy & compleat Success, is the daily & fervent Prayer of our Hearts.—Go on then Generous Man! Our Hearts go with you.—We Rejoice that your Labours have not been *altogether* in vain. Justice & Mercy will finally prevail, under the Government of a Righteous God. We rejoice in the Hope that your Triumph will be compleat. Drooping Nature looks up to you with anxious Expectation, and the prayers of him who is ready to perish accompany your steps. Humanity revived by the dawn of success which your Efforts have opened, points her eye to that Brighter Day when Liberty & Life shall go hand in hand, through the Nations of the Earth, in safety & in Peace, when the Oppresed shall no longer groan under the lash of the Oppressor, neither hear his voice; And Slavery like the Gloomy Vision of the night, shall be recognized only by the Remembrance of its Concomitant Horrors. Address to Mr Wilberforce

We are Sir, &c.,

Signed by order

WM. STITT Modr of G. Synod.

The Modr concluded this Synod with Prayer.

1st Interloqr, Wednesday Evening, 5 o'clock.

First report of Comtee of Accts

The Comtee of Accounts met according to Order, & report as follows:—

Amount of the Capital of the widows fund in 1791 ...	£11682	12	3
Amount in 1792	12202	18	3
Increase of Capital this year	520	6	0
Number of Contributers—175			
Sum contributed for the year ending 29 Septr 1791 ...	547	3	2
Annuitants on the fund—64			
Money due & payable to them	809	12	4

Examined & approved, Mr Blacks Accounts except an error of £20, which Mr Black made to his own loss, & for which he is to take credit in a new account for this year.

WM. STEEL DICKSON, Chairman.

Mr Simson

On reading the minute of last year respecting Mr Simsons admission to be a Contributer to the widows fund, it was unanimously agreed that He be admitted, on paying a sum equal to one years Kings Bounty, and from the expiration of the first year after his Ordination, forty shillings ℔ annum during his life.

Mr Allen

Moved that a sum equal to a single Portion of last years R. D. be stopped out of Mr Allen's Proportion of R. D. for this year.

The previous Question was moved viz "Shall this Question be put or Not?" The Roll was called & it carried "Put." The orignal motion was then made, & carried in the affirmative.

Motion for a Repeal

Moved, that the Resolution of the Synod of the year 1788, respecting ministers having Collegiate Charges, be now read, and the same be read, It was moved that said Resolution be repealed.

The Question was put "Repeal or Not?" The Roll was called & it carried "Not."

2d Interloqr Thursday Morning, 8 o'clock.

Proceedings of Synods fixed Comtee approved

The minutes of the Gen. Synods fixed Committee which met at Lurgan 14th Febry last, were read; and the Proceedings of the Committee approved by the Interloqr.

Answers to our Address to His Majesty, to the Lord Lieutenant & Mr Stewart; & to our letter to the Marquiss of Waterford were read, and ordered to be inserted in our minutes. They are as follow:

HIS MAJESTY'S ANSWER.

Dublin Castle 21st April 1792.

Sir,

The Lord Lieutenant having transmitted to be laid before the King, the Address to his Majesty from the Presbyterian ministers of

the General Synod of Ulster, I have the Honor to acquaint you by his Excellency's command, That he has received a Letter from the Right Honourable Henry Dundass, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State informing his Excellency; That he had laid the said Address before the King, and that his Majesty was pleased to receive the same, in the most Gracious manner, and to express the satisfaction which he derives from their warm, & Grateful acknowledgments on the occasion, and their Assurances of Loyalty to his Majesty, and Attachment to our present excellent Constitution,

I have the Honour to be

Sir, your Most Obedient Humble Servant

Revd Robert Black,
Londonderry.

SACKVILLE HAMILTON.

THE LORD LIEUTENANT'S ANSWER.

I shall immediately transmit this Dutiful Address to be laid before his Majesty; and shall have great satisfaction, in representing the Presbyterian Ministers as Dutiful & Loyal Subjects, highly deserving the Bounty His Majesty has been Graciously pleased to confer upon them.

Mr STEWART'S ANSWER.

To the Revd Members of the Gen. Synods fixed Comt^ee.

Gentlemen,

I beg you will accept of my sincere and cordial Thanks for the honour conferred on me by your Address; & be assured that your obliging Acceptance of my Services, affords me a very Sensible Gratification. Any Trouble which may be supposed to have attended the Pursuit is now amply compensated by the accomplishment of an Object, which I have long had much at Heart. In conducting this Business I have been much indebted to the assistance of certain most Respectable members of both Houses of Parliament, whose names have been already mentioned to you.—The Behaviour too of [the] Administration on the occasion, has been Handsome, & Honourable, and it is with Particular Pleasure I can say, that no motion was ever received in the House of Commons with more General Satisfaction than that one, which I had lately the Honour of submitting to them, on Behalf of the Presbyterian Ministers of this Kingdom.

I have the Honour to be with the highest Respect & Esteem

Gentlemen, your Obedient & most Humble Servant.

JAMES STEWART.

THE MARQUISS OF WATERFORDS ANSWER.

Dublin 18th Febry 1792.

Sir,

I have the favour of your Letter and take the liberty to request you will be so good to express to the Synod, That I have the greatest Satisfaction in their being pleased with the part I have taken Relative to the Presbyterian Ministers of the Synod, That I am highly gratified by their Thanks, and that I trust that I shew my Regard to Religion, in being desirous, that those who are to preach it, should have a decent competency. In Justice to the Government I must add, That they took up the Subject with a warm Liberality.

I am Sir, your most obedient humble Servant

To the Revd James Birch, Modr of the Gen. Synod of Ulster. WATERFORD.

3d Interloqr Thursday Evening, 5 o'clock.

Lurgan, 28th June 1792. Comtee of Accounts examined Mr Blacks account of R. D. Item by Item, & unanimously approve the whole.

WM. STEEL DICKSON, Chairman.

Report of Mr Black

Mr Black, reported to this Interloqr a variety of circumstances relative to the late grant of five thousand pounds, made to the Presbyterian Ministers of the Kingdom; and that the Proportion allotted to the ministers of the Synod of Ulster was three Thousand seven hundred and twenty nine pounds sixteen shillings, and ten pence, to be Issued at the Treasury at such times as all other Payments on the Civil Establishment.

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Order to Mr Black

Resolved that Mr Black be ordered to commit to writing the material circumstances Relative to the late Grant, and to present them to the first Interloqr of next Synod that they may be recorded in our minutes.

Thanks to Noblemen & Gentlemen

Resolved that our Warm & Grateful Thanks be returned to his Grace the Duke of Leinster, The Right Honourable the Earl of Claremont, The Right Honourable Henry Grattan, The Right Honourable Willian Brabazon Ponsonby, & George Ponsonby Esqr, for the kind and Honourable support afforded by them to the late measure of an Increase of the Royal Bounty, recommended by the House of Commons, on our Behalf.

Resolved that James Stewart Esqr be requested to transmit a Copy of this Resolution to the Noblemen, & Gentlemen, named therein.

A Piece of Plate to Mr Stewart

Resolved that Mr Murray & Mr Black be directed to Provide & Present to James Stewart Esqr a Piece of Plate with a suitable Inscription to record our Grateful Sense of the Signal Services He has rendered to this Body.

Resolved that Messrs John Thomson, Geo. Murray, & Saml Livingston, be appointed to prepare a Letter to Mr Stewart to acquaint him with our Request & Determination on these Subjects.

Moved & unanimously agreed, That the Thanks of this Interloq^{r} be given to Mr Black for his Zeal and Diligence in the affair of the late Grant—And Thanks were given him accordingly. Thanks to Mr Black

Resolved unanimously, that a Member from each Presbytery be appointed a Committee to consider what farther mark of Respect, shall be shewn to Mr Black, for his Services in that matter & report immediately.

The Committee having met according to appointment, Mr Barber their chairman reported, That they were unanimously of Opinion, That a Present of Plate to the value of one hundred pounds, ought to be presented to Mr Black with a suitable Inscription. Plate to Mr Black

To this Opinion of the Comt^{ee} the Interloq^{r} most cordially acceded;—Appointed Mr Murray to purchase the same; and Mr Barber and Mr Livingston to prepare the Inscription.

Resolved that our Agent be impowered to pay to Mr Barr the sum of Thirty Guineas out of R.D. to be applyed to the sole purpose of conveying himself and Family to America. M Barr

Resolved that Dr Bruce shall be admitted a Contributer to the widows fund, on the same Terms, as other Intrants at the same Period. Dr Bruce

The following Protest was given in, read, & ordered to be inserted in our Minutes. Protest

We whose names are underwritten, do hereby Protest against the Determination of the Interloq^{r} of yesterday's evening whereby a donation of R.D. granted to the Revd David Allen at the last meeting of Synod is reversed, by ordering a sum equal to said Grant, to be detained out of his Proportion of R.D. for the current year.

1. Because we deem it mean in its object & unworthy of the Character of this Synod.

2. Because the Reasons on which it was obtained are Nugatory, Unconstitutional, and Partial.—Nugatory, inasmnch as, If Opposition to a Rule of Synod lay a foundation for Reversal, the Determination should have comprehended five previous cases.—Unconstitutional, as pleading Absence, or a departure from the Synod-House, before the Business of Synod is done, in Reversal of the Acts of Synod. Partial, as operating to the discouragement of one poor Cong^{on} & the Hurt of its Minister, whilst others in the same circumstances & favoured in the same manner by former Synods are passed by unnoticed.—And the assertion, "that Mr Allens Case was the only one in which a Specified Rule of Synod is violated," is unfounded, as the cases of the Cong^{ons} of Sligo & Moywater, of Killinker & Dunluce, are posterior to the date of said Rule & prior to the Case in Question. Lurgan, 28 June, 1792, Wm Steel Dickson, John Thomson, Benjamin M'Dowel, Robert Porter, Robert Rentoul, Sinclare Kelburn, Nat^{h} Shaw, W^{m}

Magee, Wm Knox, James Davison, Thos L. Birch, Alex^{r} Marshal, James Neilson, John Davys, James Whiteside, Henry Henry.

I Protest against the above Determination for the Reasons Assigned, the first excepted.—Thos Cuming.

Resolution respecting new Erections by Synod & Presb. of Antrim

Whereas the Gen. Synod of Ulster & Presb. of Antrim are connected as one Body, with respect to the Kings Bounty & widows fund; Resolved that as no Presbytery belonging to the Synod of Ulster has authority to make any new erection; If the Presb. of Antrim shall erect into a new Cong^{on}, a part of any Cong^{on}, now belonging to them or part of any Cong^{on} now belonging to this Synod, or shall make any new Erection whatsoever, without the consent of this Body first obtained, the minister or ministers of such new Erection, shall not be Entitled to receive any part of the Royal Bounty, nor be a subscriber to the widows fund.—And this Synod shall not erect, any Cong^{on} in future, without allowing such members of the Presb. of Antrim, as attend our meetings to debate & vote with respect to such new Erection, otherwise the minister or ministers of such new Erection shall not be entitled as above.

4th Interloq^{r} Friday morning 7 o'clock.

A Letter from the Trustees of the Widows fund was read & Dr Dickson & Mr Cuming appointed to answer it.

The Letters to James Stewart, Esqr, and the Letter to the Trustees of the Widows fund were read, approved & ordered to be subscribed by the Moderator.

A Comt^{ee}

Resolved that Messrs Black, John Thomson, Wm Knox, & Alex^{r} Marshal, of Root Presb. & Thos Henry, be appointed a Committee, under the sanction, and authority of this Interloq^{r} to enquire from what causes, & by what means one Entire Moiety of the English R.D. came to be engrossed by the Southern Association, and to take such measures, as they shall deem expedient to promote the Interest, and secure the Honour of our Body, in this matter; And Mr Black is impowered to call a meeting of the Comt^{ee} at such time & place as He shall judge necessary.

Compensation to Clerk recommended

Moved & unanimously agreed, That in our opinion a Compensation should be made to our Clerk for his extraordinary labours during the current year. And tho' this Interloq^{r} are sensible of their Competency to make such Compensation, yet from a recent case, & in order to avoid a Repetition of the same, this Interloq^{r} decline the exercise, of their Power, & warmly recommend it to the Ministers who may constitute the first Interloq^{r} at the Meeting of the Synod in the year 1793, to take the same under their serious consideration.

Inserted the 3rd day of August, 1792, by

ROBERT DICKSON,
Clerk of Gen. Synod.

A General Synod at Lurgan, 25th June, 1793.

Mr Stitt the Moderator of the former Synod opened this by preaching from Rom. VIII. 1. then constituted it by Prayer; After which were present from the Several Presbyteries the following Members.

Minrs.	Elders.
Bangor Presb.	
James Cochrane	
Andw. Craig	
Geo. Dobbin	
David Taggart	
Dublin.	
James Horner	
B.mena.	
James Cuming	
Alexr. Montgomery	
Clogher.	
Andw. Millar	
Joseph Denham	
James Davison	
Root.	
Willm. Knox	
Robert Thomson	
John Glendai	Walter Graham
Monaghan.	
John Davys	
Matt. Trimble	
Wm. Millar	
Robt. Montgomery	
John Arnold	Dr. Jackson
James Walker	
James Whiteside	
Tyrone.	
John M'Clelland	
Moses Hogg	
Geo. Murray	
James Whiteside, Junr.	
Wm. Stitt	
Joseph Smyth	Wm. Boyd
Hugh Boylan	
Geo. Dougal	Robt. Duncan
Thos. M'Cay	John Gibson
Henry M'Ilree	

Minrs.	Elders.
L.kenny.	
No Member	
Killyleagh Presb.	
Dr. Dickson	Thos. M'Kibbin
James Knox	
Armagh.	
Saml. Livingston	
Robert Dickson	
Thos. Cuming	Joseph Bell
Nath. Shaw	Wm. Kyle
Strabane.	
Joseph Osborne	
Derry.	
Robert Black	
Moses Goorly	
T.Patrick.	
John Bankhead	
John Abernethy	
John Gibson	
Robt. Orr	
Robert Thomson	
Robert Acheson	
Dromore.	
Isaac Patrick	
Robert M'Clure	Mr. Semple
Saml. Barber	Hugh Hanna
James Birch	Robt. Lowrey
John Thomson	Matt. Hughs
John Sherrard	Henry Dickson
Francis Turretine	Robert Haddon
Wm. Magee	James Boyd
Wm. Fletcher	
James Waddell	
John M'Clelland	
John M'Cance	Wm. Adair
Belfast.	
Thos. Birch	Wm. Whitlaw
Sinclare Kelburn	Saml. Neilson

Mod^r chosen

Mr Stitt having moved that another Mod^r be chosen to this Synod, the following Brethren were named: viz., Revd Messrs David Taggart, Alex^r Montgomery, And^w Millar, Wm Knox, John Davys, Hugh Boylan, Dr Dickson, Nath. Shaw, Moses Goorley, John Abernethy, Wm Magee, Thos Birch. The Roll was called & Dr Dickson chosen.

Clk. continued

—Mr Dickson continued Clerk.

Order to Presb^s

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, and to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning of their Members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Funds, & Gen. Synods fixed Committee. An account of such ministers as have died, been ordained, or Installed; and of such Candidates as have been licensed or entered on Tryals since last Gen. Synod. An account of Annuitants on the fund; of any that have died, & of the time when such did die. Also of women in their Bounds who have been wives of ministers & are not on the fund.

Mr Thos Birch is ordered to preach to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock according to appointment of last Gen. Synod.

Comtee of Accounts.

The several Presbyteries returned the following Members as a Committee to inspect the Accounts of our Agent; viz., Bangor Mr Taggart, B.mena Mr Montgomery, Clogher Mr Millar, Root Mr Knox, Monaghan Mr Davys, Tyrone M^r M'Cay, Armagh Mr Shaw, Strabane Mr Osborne, Derry Mr Goorly, T.Patrick Mr Bankhead, Dromore Mr Sherrard, Belfast Mr Birch, & Antrim Mr Neilson. They are to meet in the Vestry Room to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Any Member may attend to give or receive Information, but not to vote. The Comt^ee to report.

Order to s^d Comtee

Ordered, That said Committee do report to the first Interloq^r the amount of the Capital of the widows fund, with the annual Interest arising from the same. The number of Contributers to the fund, & the sum by them contributed during the last year. Also the number of Annuitants on the fund & the sum due & payable to them from 1st January, 1792, to 1st January, 1793.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

2^d Session Wednesday morning 11 o'clock after Prayer.

Mr Birch preached according to appointment.

Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their members for the several Committees. Also the following accounts.

Dead

Armagh Presb. report, That Mr Sloan died 15th March last & left a widow & children. That they have on the fund Mrs Moody, Mrs Ferguson, & Mrs Sloan; and not on the fund Mrs Stewart.

Licensed

Belfast Presb. report, That they have licensed Mr Samuel Knox who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith; and that they have on the fund Mrs Kinkead, Mrs Kennedy, and families of Messrs Alexander & Laird.

Killyleagh Presb. have on the fund Mrs Strong, Mrs Smyth, and family of Mr Henry.

Clogher Presb. have on the fund Mrs Scott & Mrs Mulligan.

Tyrone Presb. report, that they have entered on first Tryals Messrs Adam Smyth & John Glasgow; and that they have on the fund Mrs Peebles, Mrs Duffin, & family of Mr White.

Derry Presb. report, That Mr Samuel Ross, educated in the College of Dublin, applyed to the Presbytery to be put on Tryal, for being licensed to preach the Gospel. This being a new case, at least to the Presbytery of Derry, they have thought it expedient to refer the matter to the Gen. Synod, & to entreat their advice & Direction. They have on the fund Mrs Hare, Mrs Lyle, Mrs Walker, Senr, Mrs Walker, Junr, Mrs Adams, Mrs Patten, & families of Messrs Bond & Ferguson. Mr Ross

Monaghan Presb. report, That Mr James Jackson, formerly a Member of their Presbytery, died in Septr last & left a widow and children. And that they have on the fund Mrs Algeo, Mrs Warnock, Mrs Fleming, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Sprat, Mrs Jackson, & family of Mr Harris. Dead

Dublin Presb. report, That Mrs Moore had removed to the bounds of the Presb. of Root; and that they have on the fund Mrs Rogers.

B.mena Presb. have on the fund Mrs O'Brian, Mrs Hill, Mrs Brown, & Mrs Rankin.

Root Presb. report, that Mr Gideon M'Mullan died 25th Feb. last, & left a widow. That they have licensed Messrs Sherrard & Watt who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith.—And that they have on the fund Mrs Gaston, Mrs Smylie, Mrs Elder, Mrs Davis, Mrs Hamilton, & Mrs M'Mullan. Dead Licensed

Dromore Presb. have according to Synodical Regulations licensed Mr John Arnold, who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith. Have entered on first Tryals Messrs Joseph Jackson & Robert Elliott; and have on the fund Mrs Semple, Mrs Neilson, & Mrs Henry. Licensed

T.Patrick Presb. report, That Mr Read demitted his Pastoral Charge of the Congon of Glenarm. That on the 17th July, 1792, they ordained in that Congregation the Revd Robert Acheson, who wishes to be a Contributer to the widows fund. That they have on first Tryals Mr M'Nish, & on the fund Mrs Dunbar, Mrs White, Mrs Cowan, & family of Mr Rogers. Demitted Ordained

Bangor Presb. report, That Mrs Mitchel died 12th Decr last. That Mr Hull demitted his Pastoral Charge of the Congon of Bangor 21st May last; on which day they ordained in said Congregation the Revd David Taggart who is a Contributer to the widows fund. And that they have on the fund Mrs Warnick & Mrs Jackson. Dead Demitted Ordained

Strabane Presb. have on the fund Mrs Torbet, Mrs Coulter, & family of Mr Young.

From L.kenny Presb. no Return.

Gen. Synods fixed Comt^ee for the year 1793.

Presbs.	Minrs.
Armagh	Messrs Livingston & Cuming
Belfast	Messrs Birch & Kelburn
Killyleagh	Messrs Sinclair & Petterson
Clogher	Messrs Johnston & Davison
Tyrone	Messrs Smyth & M'Cay
Derry	Messrs Elder & Black
Monaghan	Messrs Trimble & Whiteside
Dublin	D^r M'Dowel & Mr Horner
Root	Messrs Marshal & Martin
Dromore	Messrs M'Clure, Birch & Magee
B.mena	Messrs Lindsay & Montgomery
T.Patrick	Messrs Montgomery & Hill
Bangor	Messrs Cochran & Bryson
Strabane	Dr Crawford.

These with an Elder from each Presbytery & our Mod^r & Clerk, are to meet at Lurgan when called by the Mod^r, on any Emergency, fifteen to be a Quorum, whereof twelve at least are to be Ministers.

Synods next meeting

Resolved unanimously, That the Synods next meeting, shall be at Dungannon on the last Tuesday in June, 1794. Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

Comt^ee to revise Abstract of Synods Records

Agreeably to the minute of last year the following members are now appointed to revise the Abstract of the Synods Records made by Mr Thomson; viz., Revd Messrs Bankhead, Kelburn, M'Clure, & Dr Dickson. They are to meet in Belfast at such time as Mr Thomson shall find it convenient to call them together.

The several Committees are ordered to meet immediately.

Interloq^r at 5 o'clock. Open Synod at 8. Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned.

3^d Session Thursday morning 11 *o'clock after Prayer.*

Report from Synods Comt^ee at Randalstown

M^r M'Clelland reported from the Comt^ee appointed to meet at Randalstown, That only three of the members appointed did attend, and that after hearing several allegations against the character of the

candidate on Tryals before the Presbytery of B.mena which were not proved, They & the Presbytery thought it proper, that the candidate should be continued on his Tryals.

An appeal from a Sentence of the Presbytery of Monaghan was presented to this Synod by John Hassard, Esqr, complaining That the Punishment inflicted by said sentence on Mr Elliott, a Probationer under their Care, was inadequate to his offence. And also, That he was not allowed to bring forward the most criminal charges against the said Elliot. Mr Hassard's Appeal

Mr Hassard, Mr Elliot & the Presb. of Monaghan were heard at considerable length; and the Parties being removed, after reasoning on the subject the Question was put, "Do the Synod approve of the Punishment inflicted by the Presbytery of Monaghan as adequate to the offence of Mr Elliot or not?" The Previous Question was moved, viz., "Shall this Question be put or not?" The Roll was called and it carried, "Not."

Interloq^{r} at 5 o'clock. Open Synod at 6. Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned.

4th Session Thursday evening, 6 o'clock, after Prayer.

The following Addresses to his Majesty & the Lord Lieutenant were overtured, unanimously agreed to, and ordered to be transmitted to Mr Secretary Hamilton, to be laid before the Lord Lieutenant :—

TO THE KINGS MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

Address to the King

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS & ELDERS OF THE GEN. SYNOD OF ULSTER.

May it please your Majesty

We your Majestys most Dutiful & Loyal Subjects, the Ministers & Elders of the Gen. Synod of Ulster, at our annual meeting assembled, beg leave to approach your Majesty with the most unfeigned expressions of Loyalty & Respect.

We humbly assure your Majesty that we & the great Body of your subjects, with whom we are connected, are firmly attached to the Constitution of our country, which has established the form of Government in a King, an Hereditary Peerage, and a Representation of the People in a Commons house of Parliament.

That we continue unshaken in those Principles which placed your Majestys most Illustrious Family on the Throne of these Realms. We will not fail to inculcate, on the People under our Care the Practice of Religion & Virtue, which will at once render them good Citizens here, & qualify them for felicity hereafter.

We pray that your Majestys Reign may be long and Prosperous: That your Throne may be established in Righteousness; and, That publick Peace & Tranquility may be speedily restored.

Signed by order,

WM. STEEL DICKSON, Moderator.

Address to the Lord Lieutenant

TO HIS EXCELLENCY JOHN EARL OF WESTMORLAND, LORD LIEUTENANT GENERAL, AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS AND ELDERS OF THE GENERAL SYNOD OF ULSTER.

May it please your Excellency

We his Majestys Dutiful and Loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the General Synod of Ulster, beg leave to express to your Excellency our earnest Desire that your Excellency will be pleased to transmit to his Majesty the humble & Dutiful Address herewith delivered to your Excellency. And that your Excellency would be pleased to represent the Ministers & Elders of the Gen. Synod of Ulster and the great Body of People with whom they are connected as dutiful & Loyal subjects, attached to the Constitution & obedient to the Laws.

Signed by order,

WM. STEEL DICKSON, Mod^{r}.

Declaration of G. Synod

The following Declaration was overtured & agreed to (one Dissent-ent) & ordered to be published with the Addresses & Answers.

At an annual meeting of the Ministers & Elders of the Gen. Synod of Ulster, held in Lurgan, 25th June, 1793, the following Declaration was agreed to and ordered to be published:—

That however unwilling the Synod may be to obtrude their Political sentiments on the attention of the Publick, they feel themselves called upon by the various interesting events which have occurred in this Kingdom, & in Europe since their last General meeting, explicitly to avow & publish their unshaken attachment to the Genuine Principles of the British Constitution. An attachment early inculcated by the lessons of their Fathers, and since Justified by their own Observation and Experience.

That as members of Civil Society they deem it not inconsistent with their Publick character to join with the great majority of the Virtuous & Enlightened men in this Kingdom in expressing their opinion, That a Reform in the Representation of the Commons House

of Parliament, is Essentially necessary to the Perfection of the Constitution, and the security & Maintenance of Public Liberty.

That in seeking this Reform they will not be seduced by the visionary Theories of speculative men, but taking the Principles of the Constitution for their Guide they will co-operate with their fellow-citizens by all constitutional means to obtain this great object, rejecting with abhorrence every Idea of Popular Tumult or foreign aid.

That impressed with that goodwill & Brotherly Love which is inculcated by their Religion towards good men of all Religious Denominations & trusting that this Spirit will always be cherished by the People under their care, they congratulate their Roman Catholick countrymen on their being restored to the Privileges of the Constitution, and they indulge the flattering hope that Irish Catholicks cultivating & maintaining the Principles of Civil & Religious Liberty will prove to the world that the Liberality of Protestants has neither been ill-timed nor unsafe.

And finally, it is their earnest Prayer, That the time may never more return, when Religious Distinctions, shall be used as a Pretext for disturbing Society, or arming man against his neighbour;—That Intolerance of every kind may be trodden under foot; and every equally good subject, shall be equally cherished & protected by the State.

Protest against Declaration

Against the above Declaration the Revd Mr Hogg entered the following Protest:—

I Dissent from the Declaration of the Synod of Ulster at their present meeting, Because I conceive that it is unnecessary & improper for them at this time to enter upon or discuss Political Principles, as I conceive their attention should be directed to the Business of the Church, & its Concerns, & to that alone.

2. Because said Declaration, was not the unanimous Declaration of the Synod, as there was a Respectable minority who both spoke & voted against it.

MOSES HOGG.

Lurgan, 28 June, 1793.

Consideration of Mr Hassards appeal resumed

The consideration of Mr Hassards Appeal from the sentence of the Presbytery of Monaghan was now resumed; and the Synod, after mature deliberation were of opinion, That they could not take any farther cognisance of a matter where the Party accused had been convicted & Punished, a second Tryal for the same offence, being utterly inconsistent with the Spirit of Law & Justice. But Mr Hassard was asked whether he had any charges against Mr Elliot different from the matter alledged and inquired into before the Presbytery of Monaghan, to which Mr Hassard answered in the affirmative. The Synod were proceeding to appoint a Committee consisting of the Presbytery of Monaghan and assistants to receive Mr Hassards Complaint, and the Defence of Mr Elliot, when Mr Hassard declared that he would give the Synod no farther Trouble, as he was determined to bring his complaint before another court.

Open Synod to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned.

5th Session Friday morning, 7 o'clock, after Prayer.

Drumquin & Pettigo erected

Appeared from Drumquin Mr James Boyle & from Pettigo Mr James Clendinning Commissioners, supplicating this Synod to erect them into a Congregation. After reasoning on the subject the Question was put, "Erect them or not?" The Roll was called & it carried unanimously, to Erect them.

Congon of Portaferry annexed to Presb. of Bangor

A Supplication from the Minister and Congregation of Portaferry to be disannexed from the Presbytery of Killyleagh, & annexed to that of Bangor, was presented to this Synod.

Granted unanimously.

Overture agreed to

It is overtured, That our Agent shall be ordered to pay the sum of one pound Sterling at the next Quarterly payment of R.D. after the meeting of each Synod, to each Minister who answers to his name, when the Roll is called, on the first and last days of said Synod, over and above the Dividend of R.D., which is paid to such members of Synod, as do not attend said meeting.

The above overture unanimously agreed to.

Mr Ross

The Synod considered the Request of the Presbytery of Derry respecting Mr Ross, & authorise the Presbytery to act in that Business, as upon Deliberation they shall think proper.

Mr Wilberforce's Answer to our Address to him of last year was read & ordered to be inserted in our minutes. It is as follows:—

London, 16 July, 1792.

Sir,

Mr Wilberforce's answer to Synods Address

I should have returned an immediate answer to your favour of the 1st Inst. had I not been extremely occupied for some days by the Business of the Sierra Leone Company.

I beg you will assure the Gentlemen who composed the General Synod, That I entertain a due sense of the Honor done me by their late address; And it affords me particular pleasure to find that the cause I had so deeply at heart has engaged the attention of my fellow-subjects of Ireland. You may be persuaded, That the friends of the oppressed Africans will continue their Exertions, and I trust thro' the Divine Blessing their Labours will e'er long be crowned with Success.

I cannot conclude without begging you to accept my Thanks, for the obliging manner in which you have communicated to me the Synods Address.

I have the Honor to be, Sir, your most obedient & most humble Servant,

WM. WILBERFORCE.

Revd Wm Stitt, Dungannon, Ireland.

The Modr concluded this Synod with Prayer.

1st Interloqr Wednesday Evening 5 o'clock.

Mr Bankhead, Chairman of the Committee of Accounts gave in the following Report. Report from Comtee of Accounts

Capital of the Widows fund	£12383	14	7
Annual Interest arising from the same ...	£633	10	0
Contributers for the year ending 29th Septr, 1792—173.			
Amount of Contributions	£411	17	6
Number of Annuitants—64.			
Amount of Annuities due to them	£822	1	4

Mr Black reported to the Interloqr That Mr Simson had become a Contributer to the Widows fund, & had paid the subscription due by him as such. Also that Dr Bruce had declined becoming a Contributer to the fund on the terms proposed to him by the Interloqr of last year. Mr Simson a Contributer to the Ws Fund

Mr Blacks narrative of the Material Circumstances relative to the late grant of R.D. was read, received, & a copy of it ordered to be taken in a fair hand, in order to be bound and preserved among our Records. Narrative respecting late grant of R. D.

Resolved that a Compliment of Ten Guineas shall be given to our Clerk for his Extraordinary Trouble during the years 1792 aud 1793.

Moved and unanimously agreed, That the Thanks of this Interloqr be given to Mr Black, for his Trouble and pains in drawing up and presenting the narrative relative to the late Grant of R D. and for discovering the Honourable Terms on which it was obtained; and Thanks were given him accordingly. Thanks to Mr Black

Moved, That the Resolution of the year 1788 relative to Ministers having Collegiate Charges be repealed. The Question was put, "Repeal or Not?" The Roll was called & it carried, "Not." Motion of a repeal negatived

Comtee of Accounts to meet to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Comtee of Overtures at 8. Interloqr at 10. Open Synod at 11. Adjourned.

2d Interloqr Thursday Morning, 10 o'clock.

Two Memorials from our Brethren of the Southern Association directed to our Moderator were read, & Messrs. Craig, Millar, Davys, Shaw, McClure, & Jas Birch, are appointed to prepare a Letter conveying our Sentiments respecting the Subjects of said Memorials. Letter to Southern Assocation respecting their Memorials

Mr Bankhead reported from the Comtee of Accts, That they had examined the Accounts of the widows fund for the last year, & found them in all respects perfectly satisfactory.

3d Interloqr Thursday Evening 5 o'clock.

Letter from James Stewart Esqr

Two Letters received from James Stewart, Esqr, were read and ordered to be inserted in our Minutes. They are as follow :—

To the Revd Presbyterian Ministers of the G. Synod of Ulster.

Gentlemen,

The success of the Motion which I had the Honor to make in the House of Commons last session of Parliament respecting the Presbyterian Ministers of Ireland, affords me real satisfaction, and I am highly gratified to find my conduct on the occasion acceptable to you. When your obliging Intention of honouring me with a memorial of your Approbation was first communicated to me by a much respected member of your Body, I wished (with all possible Respect & Gratitude) to decline the sumptuous mode proposed for conveying it. But his Arguments & the Reasons Assigned for adopting that mode were too flattering to be resisted. I acquiesced knowing that I cannot err in submitting mine to your better Judgment. Accept then Gentlemen my most cordial Thanks, for repeated marks of your Regard, and particularly for the distinguished Honor this day conferred upon me; An Honor ever to be remembered with honest Pride which I receive, and shall preserve as a Record of approbation from your truely Respectable & learned Body. Permit me to assure you of my unalterable attachment, and that I shall ever be desirous as far as my poor abilities will permit, to promote your Interest, knowing that in so doing I shall serve that of my Country.

I have the Honor to be with the highest Respect & Esteem,

Revd Sirs, your obliged & obedient humble Servant,

Killymoon, Decr 27th, 1792. JAMES STEWART.

Letter from Jas Stewart Esqr

Dear Sir,

I am much obliged to you for your kind letter mentioning the time fixed for the meeting of the General Synod of Ulster. I request that you will be so good as to present my Respects to the Gentlemen and inform them, That in consequence of their desire I sent copies of their Resolution of the 26th June, 1792, to the Duke of Leinster, Lord Charlemont, Mr Grattan, & the Mr Ponsonbys; from all of whom I received answers expressing in the warmest Terms their attachment to the Interest of the Synod and the satisfaction they feel in having their conduct approved by that Respectable Body. You saw some of these answers in the country last Christmas. I lament that it is not now in my power to send them to be laid before the Synod.

Mr Black, who is now in Dublin, has promised to deliver a letter for me, which very imperfectly expresses the sense I have of the particular Honor conferred upon me.

Believe me with great Esteem & Respect Dear Sir, your obedient & most humble Servant,

JAMES STEWART.

Dublin, June 22d, 1793.

Thanks to Messrs Murray & Black

Resolved unanimously, That the Thanks of this Interloqr be given to Messrs Murray & Black for the faithful Honourable & dignified manner in which they executed the commission entrusted to them by the Interloqr of last Synod to James Stewart, Esqr, and Thanks were given them accordingly.

& to Messrs Barber & Livingston

Resolved unanimously, That the Thanks of this Interloqr be given to Mr Murray for purchasing, & to Messrs Barber & Livingston for preparing, a suitable Inscription for the Plate ordered to Mr Black by the Interloqr of the Synod last year, and Thanks were given them accordingly.

Mr Barr

On reading the Order of the Interloqr of last year for paying to Mr Barr thirty guineas, for the purpose of removing himself & family to America, Resolved, That as Mr Barr & Family had not removed to America the said order be reversed.

4th Interloqr Friday Morning 10 *o'clock.*

Widows annuity £14 per ann.

Resolved unanimously, That the sum of fourteen pounds sterling shall this year be paid to each Annuitant on the widows fund.

A letter from the Trustees of the widows fund was read, & Mr Livingston and Mr James Birch appointed to answer it.

Resolution respecting Annuitants commencing Law Suits for recovery of Annuity

On considering the part of the Trustees letter relative to Mr Rogers it was moved & unanimously agreed to, That in case any annuitant or annuitants on the widows fund shall commence a suit at Law for recovery of such part of her, his, or their annuity as may be due without first applying to the Trustees of said Fund, or to the Interloqr of this Synod; The expenses incurred by said fund in consequence of such suit, shall be deducted out of the annuity, which to such person or persons may be then due.

Certificate sufficient to Agent

Moved and unanimously agreed, That a certificate of any annuitant on the widows fund being alive, signed by a Minister who is a contributer to the fund, & no other shall be deemed by our Agent a sufficient Certificate.

Mr Horner

Resolved, That the conduct of the Revd James Horner in employing an Attorney at Law to intimidate our Agent, and induce him to act in contradiction to the Instructions of this Synod, has been highly disrespectful to this Body, & Injurous, to their Reputation and Interest.

Agent to write to Sir J. Blackwood

Resolved, That our Agent be instructed to write to Sir John Blackwood and inform him, That it is the Determination of the Constituents of the widows fund, that he must pay at the rate of five and an half ℘ cent. Interest for the money in his hands, from the 23d day of November next, or pay in the Principal according to the Terms settled in the Loan.

Mr Walker

Mr Trimble made application to this Interloqr That a certain portion of the R.D. should be given to the Revd James Walker to enable him to remove to America.

After some Conversation the motion was withdrawn, on the Principle, "That no part of the R.D. could, with propriety, be applyed to such Purposes."

The Letter to our Brethren of the Southern Association was read, approved, and ordered, to be subscribed, and transmitted by the Moderator.

The letter to the Trustees of the widows fund was also read, approved, & ordered to be transmitted.

Inserted 22nd July, 1793, by

ROBERT DICKSON, Clk. of Gen. Synod.

A Gen. Synod at Dungannon, 24th June, 1794.

Dr. Dickson the Moderator of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Tit. I. 5. Then constituted it by Prayer; After which were present from the several Presbyteries the following members:—

Minrs.	Elders.
Presb. Dublin	
James Horner	John Stitt
B.mena.	
James Cuming	
Dr. Henry	Alexr. Petterson
L.kenny.	
James Delap	
Hugh Delap	
James McClintock	
Clogher.	
William Moorhead	
James Ker	
Andw. Millar	David Johnston
Joseph Denham	
William Johnston	
James Davison	Wm. Coulter
Root.	
William Knox	
Robert Thomson	
Hugh McClelland	
Robert Rentoul	
Monaghan.	
John Davys	
Matt. Trimble	
William Millar	
Robt. Montgomery	Saml. Ekin
John Arnold	
John McCurdy	
James Walker	
James Whiteside	
Joseph Lawson	Geo. Vogan
Saml. Kennedy	
Jas. Gouday	
Joseph Osborne	
Armagh.	
Saml. Livingston	
Robert Dickson	

Minrs.	Elders.
Armagh—continued.	
Thos. Cuming	
Nath. Shaw	
Wm. Henry	Wm. Oliver
Wm. Charleton	David Bell
Tyrone Presb.	
John McClelland	Wm. Vance
Jas. Whiteside, Senr.	
Moses Hogg	Robert Hogg
Geo. Murray	Dr. Murray
Jas. Whiteside, Junr.	Jas. Walker
William Stitt	Jas. Anderson
Joseph Smyth	Wm. McClure
William Moore	
Hugh Boylan	
Thos. McCay	James Campbell
Henry McIlree	
James Adams	Andw. McCord
Killyleagh.	
Jas. Sinclair	
Jas. Petterson	
Strabane.	
Dr. Crawford	
Hugh Hamil	
William Dunlop	
Thos. Anderson	
Derry.	
Robert Black	
Robert Steel	
T.Patrick.	
John Abernethy	
Robert Orr	
Robert Acheson	
Thos. Alexander	

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Dromore.		Belfast.	
Isaac Patrick		Thos. Birch	James Magee
Saml. Barber	John Niblock	James Simson	Wm. Whitlaw
Jas. Birch	Henry Boyd		
John Thomson	Thos. Brown	Bangor	
William Magee			
James Waddell		Jas. Cochran	
John McCance		Dr. Dickson	Hugh Bodin
		Andw. Craig	
		David Taggart	

Cochran Moderator

Dr Dickson having moved, that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, the following Brethren were named, viz., Revd Messrs James Horner, James Cuming, James M'Clintock, Wm Moorhead, Robert Rentoul, Matt Trimble, James Whiteside, Senr, James Sinclair, Samuel Livingston, Robert Steel, Hugh Hamil, John Abernethy, James Waddell, Thos Birch, & James Cochran. The Roll was called & Mr Cochran chosen.

Mr Dickson continued Clerk.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, and to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning of their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Funds, & General Synods fixed Committee. An account of such ministers as have died, been ordained or Installed; And of such Candidates as have been Licensed or entered on Tryals since last general Synod. An account of Annuitants on the Fund: Of any that have died, and of the time when such did die.

Mr Andw Millar is appointed to preach to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock; And Mr Trimble to preach on the second day of this Synods next meeting at 9 o'clock before noon.

Comtee of Accounts

The following Members were returned by the several Presbyteries as a Committee to inspect the Accounts of our Agent, viz., Revd Messrs James Cuming, James Delap, William Johnston, William Knox, John Arnold, Thomas McCay, James Petterson, Thomas Cuming, Doctor Crawford, Robert Steel, John Abernethy, James Birch, Thomas Birch, and Doctor Dickson. They are to meet in the Vestry Room to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Any Member may attend to give or receive Information, but not to vote. The Committee to report.

Order to said Comtee

Ordered, That said Committee do report to the first Interloqr the Amount of the Capital of the widows fund, with the annual Interest arising from the same. The number of Contributers to the fund, and the sum by them contributed during the last year. Also the number of Annuitants on the fund, and the sum due and payable to them, from the first day of Janry, 1793, to the first day of January, 1794.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

2d Session Wednesday Morning, 11 o'clock, after Prayer.

Mr Millar preached according to appointment.

Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their Members for the several Committees. Also the following Reports:—

Armagh Presbytery report, That on the 19th day of March last they ordained at Markethill, the Revd William Charleton, who is a Contributer to the Widows Fund; And that they have on the fund Mrs Moody, Mrs Ferguson, and Mrs Sloan. Ordained

Tyrone Presbytery report, that they have licensed Messrs Robert Stewart and John Hopper, who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith; And that they have on the fund Mrs Peebles, Mrs Duffin, and family of Mr White. Licensed

Bangor Presbytery report, That they Installed the Revd James Knox in the Congregation of Donnaghadee on the 18th day of March last. That Mr Hull died on the 30th of the same month, leaving a widow & children; and that they have on the fund Mrs Warnick, Mrs Jackson, and Mrs Hull. Installed Dead

Derry Presbytery report, That Mr Harvey died in April last. That they have licensed Mr Samuel Ross. That on the 9th day of December last they ordained at Muff the Revd Mr Dill who is a Contributer to the widows fund; And that they have on the fund Mrs Hare, Mrs Lyle, Mrs Walker, Senr, Mrs Walker, Junr, Mrs Adams, Mrs Patten, and family of Mr Ferguson. Dead Licensed Ordained

Monaghan Presbytery have on first Tryals Messrs George Potts, Thomas Kinnier, and William Scott. On the fund Mrs Algeo, Mrs Warnock, Mrs Fleming, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Sprat, and family of Mr Jackson, as they know nothing of Mrs Jackson.

Dromore Presbytery report, that Mrs Henry died on the 27th day of February last; and Mrs Semple on the 4th of May last. That according to Synodical Regulations they have licensed Messrs Joseph Jackson and Robert Elliot, who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith. That they have on first Tryals Mr William Adair, and on the fund Mrs Neilson. 2 dead widows Licensed

Killyleagh Presbytery report, That the Revd James Knox demitted his Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Drumbannagher in the month of February last. And that they have on the fund Mrs Strong, Mrs Smyth, & family of Mr Henry. Demitted

B.mena Presbytery report, That they have entered on first Tryals Messrs. McKean and Davison. That Mrs Hill died 11th July, 1793. And that they have on the fund Mrs O'Brian, Mrs Brown, and Mrs Rankin. Dead

Dublin Presbytery have on the fund Mrs Rogers.

Strabane Presbytery report, That they ordained the Revd Thomas Anderson, Minister of the United Congregation of Drumquin and Pettigo on the 21st day of March last. That he is a contributer to the Ordained

widows fund. And that they have on the fund Mrs Torbet, Mrs Coulter, and family of Mr Young.

Dead

Root Presbytery Report, That Mr Wm Douglas died on the 29th day of May last, & left a widow and family. That they have entered on Tryals Mr Montgomery. And have on the fund Mrs Gaston, Mrs Smylie, Mrs Elder, Mrs Davis, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs McMullan, & Mrs Douglas.

Messrs Malcom & Carlisle disannexed

Belfast Presbytery report, That upon account of Indisposition they disannexed the Revd James Malcom from the Congregation of Drumbo; and the Revd Robert Carlisle, from the Congregation of Ballinderry on the 6th day of May last. That they have taken Mr William Whitlaw on Second Tryals, preparatory to his ordination in Ballinderry. And that they have on the fund Mrs Kinkead, Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Rowan, & families of Messrs. Alexander & Laird.

Ordained

Licensed

T.Patrick Presbytery report, That on the 17th day of Decr last, they ordained to the Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Cairncastle the Revd Thomas Alexander, who is a Contributer to the widows fund. That they have licensed Mr John Miniss. Have on first Tryals Mr Robert Campbell. And on the fund, Mrs Dunbar, Mrs Cowan, and Mrs White,

L.kenny Presbytery have on first Tryals Messrs. Dill, McIlwain, and Dill. On the fund Mrs McGaughey, Mrs Gordon, and Mrs Delap.

Clogher Presbytery have on the fund Mrs Scott, and Mrs Mulligan.

Gen. Synods fixed Committee for the year 1794.

Presbyteries.

Armagh, Messrs. Livingston & Cuming.

Tyrone, Messrs. Hogg & Boylan.

Bangor, Messrs. Caldwell & Craig.

Derry, Messrs. Elder & Black.

Monaghan, Messrs. Trimble & Lawson.

Dromore, Messrs. Birch & J. Thomson.

Killyleagh, Dr. Neilson & Mr Porter.

B.mena, Mr Lindsay & Dr Henry.

Dublin, Dr McDowel & Mr Horner.

Strabane, Messrs. Hamil & Dunlop.

Root, Messrs. Marshal & Elder.

Presbyteries.

Belfast, Messrs. Birch & Kelburn.

T.Patrick, Messrs. Bankhead & Abernethy.

L.kenny, Messrs. Alexander & Leitle.

Clogher, Messrs. Johnston & Ker.

These with an Elder from each Presbytery, & our Moderator & Clerk, are to meet at Dungannon when called by the Moderator, on any Emergency, fifteen to be a Quorum, whereof Twelve at least are to be Ministers.

Moved, That the Synods next meeting be in Derry. The Question was put "Meet in Derry, or Not?" The Roll was called and it carried to meet in Derry on the last Tuesday in June, 1795, Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon. Synod at Derry

As Mr Thomson did not call Messrs. Bankhead, Kelburn, McClure, & Dr Dickson, who were appointed to revise the Abstract of the Synods Records, the order of last year to the said members is renewed. Order renewed

On reading the order of last Synod for paying One pound St^{r} to each Minister who answers to his name when the Roll is called on the first & last days of Synod; Lest any doubt should arise respecting the time of said Calls; Resolved: That the first Call of the Roll on the first day, and the last Call immediately before the conclusion of the Synod, was and is, the design, and meaning of the Synod in said order. Calls of Roll

The several Committees are ordered to meet immediately.

Interloq^{r} at 5 o'clock. Open Synod at 7. Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned.

3^{d} Session Wednesday Evening 7 o'clock, after Prayer.

A supplication from the Congregation of Drumbannagher recommended by Mr Porter, a member of the Presbytery of Killyleagh was presented to this Synod, praying to be disannexed from the Presbytery of Killyleagh, and annexed to that of Dromore. Drumbannagher

This granted unanimously.

A Petition from the Presbyterian Inhabitants of Stratford on Slaney in the County of Wicklow, was presented to this Synod stating "That they were for the greater part, Natives of Scotland, and edu-"cated in the Principles and Worship of the Scotch Church. That "on account of their great distance from any place of Presbyterian "Worship, they had no opportunity of Worshipping God, and having "the Ordinances of the Gospel dispensed in the way which they "conceive most conformable to the Spirit of Christianity, and most "pleasing to their consciences; and therefore praying to be Erected "into a Congregation, under the care of the Presbytery of Dublin, "and to be supplyed by them with preaching." Stratford on Slaney erected into a Congon

The Prayer of the above Petition granted unanimously.

Ballyhalbert

A Supplication from the Minister and Congregation of Ballihalbert to be disannexed from the Presbytery of Killyleagh and annexed to the Presbytery of Bangor was presented to this Synod.

Granted unanimously.

Markethill

A Supplication signed by Hans Peebles, Robert Peebles, John Grier, William Grier, and several other members of the Congregation of Markethill was presented to this Synod, Praying them "to disannex the Revd William Charleton from the Pastoral care of said Congregation, or to Erect them into a distinct Cong^{on}."

The above Supplication unanimously dismissed.

Armagh

A Supplication from several Members of the Congregation of Armagh was presented to this Synod by Messrs Thos Prentice and Geo. Murray, Commiss^{rs} praying "to be indulged in procuring a "Clergyman to preach to them every Second Lords Day. as they "could not in Conscience attend upon the ministry of Mr Henry."

This Supplication unanimously agreed to, and the Presbytery of Armagh, are accordingly ordered, to furnish the Petitioners with preaching until next meeting of Synod.

Overture agreed to

Overtured and unanimously agreed to, That from and after the present year the General Synod of Ulster will not hold any Interloq^{r} on Business relative to their R.D. Parliamentary Grant, or Widows fund, until the proper Business of the Church shall be transacted, and finished.

Interloq^{r} at 7, and also at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. Open Synod at 11. Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned.

4th Session Thursday Morning 11 *o'clock, after Prayer.*

The following Overture is submitted to this Synod, in order to be considered, & disposed of, at their next meeting.

That no Candidate for the Ministry, shall be received on Tryals for Licence, to preach the Gospel by any Presbytery without a Certificate of his Abilities and Learning, from a Committee of this Synod; And that at the next and every succeeding meeting of the same, until this Rule shall be repealed, a Committee consisting of one Member, at least, from the respective Presbyteries, who may have two members present, shall be appointed in open Synod on the first day of every meeting, for the purpose of examining such candidates as may offer. That said Committee shall attend from six till nine o'clock on each succeeding morning during our sitting, or as often as may be necessary for the purpose, * to be a Quorum.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with Prayer.

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* Number omitted.

1st Interloqr Wednesday Evening, 5 o'clock.

Mr Birch Chairman of the Committee of Accounts gave in the following Report, examined & approved by the Committee.

Capital of the Widows fund 9th June, Inst...	£12690 :	19 :	6
Interest arising from the same, last year ..	£632 :	14 :	0
Number of Contributers 29th Septr, 1793—182.			
Amount of Subscriptions to same date ..	£555 :	7 :	8
Number of Annuitants 1st Janry, 1794—65.			
Amount of Annuities due & Payable to them on that day	£877 :	9 :	5

Committee examined the accounts of the Kings Bounty, until March Quarter, 1793 inclusive, and found them satisfactory; and observed, That Mr Black had made no charge for his Expence and Trouble during his long attendance in Dublin, relative to the late Grant.

R.D. how to be divided

Whereas it appears evident from experience, that the Regulations entered into by the Synod of Ulster and Presbytery of Antrim, are not sufficiently determinate and Particular as to one general standard, in disposing of the Produce of the Different Royal Grants made to them. And whereas the Synod of Ulster and Presbytery of Antrim have always exercised Authority over these Grants, as to the mode in which they should be disposed; It is proposed that the following Resolution be agreed to. "That in future only one equal Portion of the Annual Produce of our Grants shall be allotted to each particular Congregation, and this particular Portion is designed as the Property only of the oldest Minister, or of him who has officiated for the greatest length of time in that Congregation; And that where a Minister shall be obliged by age or Infirmities to demit his Charge, he shall enjoy the Bounty during his life, which on his Decease only, shall devolve to his successor in the Pastoral Charge of that Congregation."

The Question was put "Shall this Resolution pass or not?"

The Roll was called and it carried, "Pass."

2d Interloqr Thursday morning 7 o'clock.

Drumboe & Ballinderry

On reading the Resolution entered into at the preceeding Interloqr respecting the manner of dividing the Produce of the Royal Grants made to the Synod of Ulster and Presbytery of Antrim it was agreed by this Interloqr, That the Resolution then formed does not affect the Congregations of Drumboe and Ballinderry in their present Circumstances.

Memorials not *in Retentis*

Upon reading the minute of last year, relative to the Memorials from the Dublin Presbytery of the Southern Association, and the letter from this Interloqr to those Gentlemen, it appeared, That they had declined supporting the allegations contained in them; It was therefore resolved, That said memorials be no longer *in Retentis*.

Sir John B^s bond at £5½ per cent.

Mr Black reported to this Interloq^r, That Sir John Blackwood had agreed to our Terms respecting the money in his Hands, and that it is now at five and one-half ℔ cent. Interest, from the twenty-third day of November last.

Mr Horner

Upon reading the minute of last year respecting Mr Horner, He being now present, very fully disclaimed any Intention of Acting in a manner disrespectful to this Body, or Injurious to its Reputation and Interest; Whilst this Interloq^r are fully perswaded that the Principle upon which their former Resolution was founded was Right, they are now fully satisfied with the Declaration Mr Horner has made.

Annuity to children of Mr Ja^s Jackson

Resolved, That the Annuity of the Widow of the late Mr James Jackson shall be paid into the hands of Dr Jackson, for the use of the younger children, as the widow has made no claim, nor is it known whether she be alive.

3^d *Interloq^r Thursday Morning*, 10 *o'clock.*

Notice of a motion by Mr Trimble

Mr Trimble gave notice that he will next year move the following Resolutions:

1. That no minister shall be admitted a Contributer to the Widows fund, but at the meeting of the General Synod immediately following his ordination, where the members may have an opportunity of Judging of his Constitution and general state of health.

2. That any minister who at the time of his Ordination shall have passed his twenty-fifth year, shall over and above the usual or settled, Terms of Admission pay forty shillings for every year he shall have so passed, his age to be taken from his own solemn Declaration.

3. That if it shall appear by proof, that any minister shall have concealed his real age, his widow or family shall forfeit all advantage arising from the Scheme.

4. That any minister marrying a second time, provided at the time of said marriage, he shall not have passed the age of fifty years, shall pay to the Capital of the widows fund fifteen pounds; and if past the age of sixty years thirty pounds.

Inserted 4th September, 1794, by

ROBERT DICKSON,

Clk. of G. Synod.

At a meeting of the Gen. Synod's fixed Committee at Dungannon, the 27th day of February, 1795, called by the Moderator, the following members from the several Presbs were present:—

Revd Jas Cochran, Modr. Robert Dickson, Clerk.

Presbs.

Armagh, Saml Livingston, Thos Cuming.

Tyrone, Moses Hogg, Hugh Boylan.

Bangor, Andw Craig.

Derry, Robert Black, Henry Elder.

Monaghan, Matt. Trimble, Joseph Lawson.

Dromore, James Birch.

B.mena, James Cuming.

Strabane, Hugh Hamil, Willm Dunlop.

Root, Alexr Marshal, Matt. Elder.

Belfast, Thos Leadlie Birch.

Clogher, James Ker, Willm Johnston.

The Moderator acquainted the meeting with his Reasons for calling it, stating, That it was in consequence of a Letter to Dr Crawford from our worthy Friend Mr Stewart informing him that he had a prospect of obtaining from Parliament a Grant of money for Establishing a University for the Education of Protestant Dissenters. That he had Hopes of success in the affair, and therefore alledged the propriety of calling the Gen. Synod's fixed Committee.

The Committee highly approve of the conduct of the Moderator on this occasion, and return him their thanks.

Resolved, That the Thanks of this Committee be given to the Revd Dr Crawford, for his unwearied Exertions in prosecuting the object for which the Committee has been this day summoned, and Thanks were accordingly given him.

Resolved unanimously, That a Letter be written to Mr Stewart expressing our Gratitude for his unremitting attention to our Interest on this, as well as on former Occasions.

Resolved, That an Address from this Committee be presented to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant; and the following Address being read, it was moved and agreed to (one Dissentient), that the said Address shall be presented to the Lord Lieutenant as the Address of this Committee.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY WILLIAM EARL FITZWILLIAM LORD LIEUTENANT GENERAL, AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

May it Please your Excellency

We his Majesty's Dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Members composing the fixed Committee of the General Synod of Ulster, beg leave to express to your Excellency the unfeigned Satisfaction which we have felt on your appointment to the Government of this Kingdom. From the private virtues of the Earl of Fitzwilliam we naturally anticipated a Publick Conduct at once Dignified, and Just, and it is with Sensations of the most lively Pleasure that we have observed the opening of your Excellency's Administration justifying the Expectations of an anxious People. In the Declarations made by your Excellency to different Classes and Descriptions of men in this country, we discern a Spirit of Generous, and Distributive Policy, commensurate with the wants of a Nation so pecularly circumstanced for more than a century; and we look forward with confidence to the accomplishment of measures calculated to cement a General Union, and to Establish the Empire of the Laws, on its best and surest Foundation, the Affections, and Confidence of the People.

For ourselves, we intreat your Excellency to believe, That we have not departed from the Principles of our Ancestors,—And, That we will continue to recommend that Reverence for the Supreme Being, and those Sentiments of universal Benevolence, and pure Morality, which our Religious Profession so forcibly enjoins.

This in the name and by appointment of the Committee.

JAMES COCHRAN, Mod^{r}.

Against the foregoing Address, the following Protest was entered :—

I as a Minister of the Gospel of Christ do Protest against the Address agreed to this day by my Brethren, the Ministers of the General Synod of Ulsters fixed Committee, to be presented to his Excellency the Earl of Fitzwilliam Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, not for want of the highest Respect for the Eminent virtues of that distinguished Nobleman, and a wish to pay the most Grateful Tribute to his Liberal Professions as Chief Governor :—But because this Kingdom being at present engaged in a War, the Address does not *expressly recognise a Desire for Peace.*

THOS. LEDLIE BIRCH.

Dungannon 27^{t} Feb^{ry} 1795.

Resolved unanimously, That the Revd James Cochran, our Mod^{r}, the Revd Dr Crawford, and the Revd Robert Black be, and hereby are, appointed Commissioners to proceed immediately to Dublin, in order to present the Address to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, to confer with Government, and to give such Information as may be necessary to Mr Stewart, and such of our friends in both Houses of Parliament, as may be disposed to favour us in that Business.

Instructions given to the Commissioners of the General Synods fixed Committee.

We do hereby appoint you the Revd James Cochran, our Mod^{r}, the Revd Dr Crawford, and the Revd Robert Black, or any two of you, to proceed forthwith to Dublin in the Character of Commissioners from the Gen. Synod of Ulster. You are there to confer with Government, with our much respected friend Mr Stewart of Killymoon, and with such members of the two Houses of Parliament, as are friendly to our Interest, and use your best endeavours to procure the Establishment of an University for the Education of youth under the Patronage and Direction of the Ministers of the Gen. Synod of Ulster, the Presbytery of Antrim, and the Southern Association, Subject to the controul of Parliament, for the expenditure of any sum, or Annual Grant of money which may be made to Establish and support the said University.

The Detail of the various Regulations necessarily connected with a system of Liberal Education, will require mature and Deliberate Consideration; and for the present, we limit your Powers respecting this part of your Commission to engage in our name, That a competent number of Masters may be appointed to teach the following Branches of Science:—viz., Divinity, Moral Philosophy, Natural Philosophy, Logick, Metaphysicks, Rhetoric, Composition, Belle-Letters, History, Mathematicks, and Languages, with such other collateral Branches of General Science and Information as our funds may enable us to provide masters for.

With respect to the site of the University, you are to propose Cookstown in the County Tyrone; And provided it shall be thought, that Cookstown is not an eligible situation, you are further authorised to ascertain and fix upon a place, which shall best serve the purposes of the Institution. You are also authorised to use your best endeavours to procure a Charter for securing the Capital, and regulating the application of the Fund, belonging to such Members of the Synod, as are Contributers to the Widows and Orphans fund.

And you are generally charged and Impowered to act in our name, and on our Behalf in every matter relative to those Concerns, according to the best of your Discretion and Judgment.

Signed in our name & by our order

ROBERT DICKSON,

Clk. of G. Synod.

The following Letter to James Stewart, Esqr, of Killymoon was read, approved, and ordered to be subscribed and transmitted by the Moderator :—

Sir,

The first Committee of the Gen. Synod of Ulster met at Dungannon agreeably to your very obliging Desire, communicated to our Moderator by Dr Crawford, embrace the present Occasion to express how much the Presbyterians of Ireland must think and feel themselves Indebted to you for this new Instance of your Attention to their Interest. In their name and particularly in that of the Synod at large, which we represent, we beg leave to return you our respectful and grateful acknowledgments. Formerly on more Occasions than one, you stood forth among the first of our friends, and were an Active and Successful Instrument in procuring Benefits for our Ministers, which have served them Essentially.

Destitute of a proper Seminary for the Education of their Youth the Presbyterians ever since their first Settlement in this Country, a period of many years have been under the disagreeable necessity of sending them abroad for Instruction. This was attended with considerable expence, and many other Inconveniencies. In consequence of being thus disagreeably circumstanced, not only those among us designed for the ministry, but our People sustained a loss in point of Improvement, much to be regretted. We are highly gratified to think that there now opens to our View, a prospect of our being relieved from these Difficulties. For we understand, Sir, that with your usual Goodness you have lately been employing your Endeavours & intend to continue them, in order to procure for us the Establishment of an University. Nothing, we take the Liberty of saying, can be more agreeable to us and to all those of our Religious Denominations, and call forth our warmer acknowledgments, than the accomplishment of this great and Interesting Object.

There is another Object which you have also been so good as to turn your attention to, and given us hopes of obtaining, a Charter for the Security of our Widows fund. This we likewise consider as a matter of high Importance, and one, which for years, we have much wished to have it in our power to Effect.

According to your wishes we have appointed, and vested with full authority to act in the name of the Synod, in respect to both these points, as Commissioners, the Revd James Cochran, our Moderator, the Revd Dr Crawford, and the Revd Robert Black, or any two of them, who are to proceed to Dublin immediately for the purpose. We flatter ourselves that they will render you acceptably every necessary assistance, and that the Instructions we have given them will meet with your approbation.

Suffer us, Sir, to conclude, with expressing once more our sense of the high obligations we owe you, and our Earnest and affectionate wishes, that Providence may long spare you to enjoy the refined and dignified Pleasure resulting from a Consciousness of your private &

Publick virtues, and particularly that you have embraced every opportunity of being the friend and the Benevolent Protector of those who have stood in need of your assistance.

Signed by order

JAMES COCHRAN, Mod^r.

Inserted 10th March 1795, by

ROBERT DICKSON,

Clk. of G. Synod.

A Gen. Synod at Derry, 30th June 1795.

Mr Cochran, the Modr of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Acts xxvi. 18. Then Constituted it by Prayer, after which were present from the several Presbyteries the following members :—

Minrs.	Elders.
B.mena Presb.	
Jos. Douglass	
Jas. Cuming	
Robt. Scott	
Henry Henry	John McConnel
L.kenny Presb.	
Andw. Alexander	
Wm. Burke	
Jos. Leitle	
Jas. Taylor	David Moore
Jos. Love	
Henry Millar	
John Holmes	
Thos. Leech	
Wm. Kennedy	John Frame
Jas. Delap	
Wm. Houston	
Jas. McClintock	
Hugh Delap	
Clogher Presb.	
Wm. Moorhead	
Jos. Denham	
Jos. King	
Jas. Davison	
Alexr. Marshal	
Root Presb.	
Wm. Knox	Matt. Henry
John Logan	
Dr. Marshal	
Robt. Thomson	
Wm. Lynd	
Hugh McClelland	
Robt. Rentoul	Francis Cathers
Jas. Elder	
Matt. Elder	
Daniel Blair	
Alexr. Martin	
Archd. Fullerton	
John Smyth	

Minrs.	Elders.
Monaghan Presb.	
John Davys	
Matt. Trimble	
Wm. Millar	
Robt. Montgomery	
Jas. Whiteside	
Saml. Kennedy	
Jos. Osborne	
Tyrone Presb.	
John McClelland	Thos. Hogg
Moses Hogg	Mr. Robt. Hogg
Jas. Whiteside, Junr.	
Jos. Smyth	
Wm. Moore	
Hugh Boyland	
Geo. Dougal	
Thos. McCay	Wm. Ross
Jas. Adams	
Killyleagh Presb.	
Dr. Neilson	
Jas. Petterson	
Jos. Jackson	
Armagh Presb.	
Robert Dickson	
Thos. Cuming	Robert Shaw
Nath. Shaw	Jas. Wallace
Wm. Charleton	
Strabane Presb.	
Jos. Osborne	
Dr. Crawford	Pat Fleming
Robt. Clarke	
Hugh Hamil	Wm. Osborne
Wm. Dunlop	
Thos. Anderson	

Derry Presb.

Saml. Patten
John Law
Arthur Kyle
Jas. Knox
Dr. Young
Robt. Black
Francis Gray
John Irvine
Hugh Brooks
Wm. Cunningham
Robt. Caldwell
Henry Elder
Robert Steel
Richard Dill

Oliver Scott
Andw. Gilpin
Wm. Walker
Dr. Petterson
Wm. Osborne
Alexr. Deen
Oliver Hamilton

T. Patrick Presb.

John Bankhead
Robert Orr
Robert Thompson
Robert Acheson
Thos. Alexander

Dromore Presb.

Isaac Patrick
Saml. Barber
Jas. Birch
Jos. Hay
John Sherrard
Jas. Waddell

John Crawford

Belfast Presb.

Saml. Patten
Thos. L. Birch
James Simson

Jas. Magee

Bangor Presb.

Jas. Cochran
Andw. Craig
Jas. Sinclair
Jas. Porter
David Taggart

Robert Dunn

Dublin Presb.

Jas. Horner

Mr Cochran having moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, The following Brethren were named, viz. Revd Messrs James Cuming, John Holmes, William Moorhead, Dr Marshal, John Davys, Moses Hogg, Dr Neilson, Thos Cuming, Hugh Hamil, Saml Patten, John Bankhead, Isaac Patrick, Sam. Patten, Junr, Andw Craig, Jas Horner. The Roll was called, and Dr Marshal chosen.

Mr Dickson continned Clerk.

The Several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night and to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning of their members for the Several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Funds, and Gen. Synods fixed Committee. An account of such Ministers as have died, been Ordained, or Installed; and of such Candidates as have been Licensed, or entered on Tryals since last Gen. Synod. An Account of Annuitants on the fund; Of any that have died; and of the time when such did die.

Mr Trimble is ordered to preach to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock according to appointment of last Gen. Synod; and Mr Patten of Derry Presbytery, to preach on the second Day of this Synods next meeting at 9 o'clock before noon.

The following members were returned by the several Presbyteries, as a Committee to Inspect the accounts of our Agent—viz. Revd Messrs Henry Henry, Andw Alexander, James Davison, Willm Knox, John Davys, Joseph Smyth, Dr Neilson, Nath Shaw, Hugh Hamil, John Law, Robert Orr, Jas Birch, Thos Birch, Andw Craig, Jas Horner. They are to meet in the Vestry Room to-morrow morning Comtee of Accts

at 7 o'clock. Any member may attend to give or receive Information, but not to vote. The Committee to report.

Order to said Comtee

Ordered, That said Committee do report to the first Interloq^{r} the amount of the capital of the Widows fund, with the Annual Interest arising from the same. The number of Contributers to the fund, and the sum by them contributed during the last year. Also the number of Annuitants on the fund, and the sum due and payable to them from 1st January 1794 to 1st January 1795.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

2^{d} *Session Wednesday Morning*, 11 *o'clock, after Prayer.*

Mr Trimble preached according to appointment.

Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their members for the several Committees. Also the following Reports.

Dead

Armagh Presb. report, That the Revd Mr Jackson died on the 26th of Feb^{ry} last, leaving a widow & children. That on the 10th day of last month they dissolved the Pastoral Relation subsisting between the Revd William Henry, & the Congregation of Armagh; and that they had suspended him from the Exercis of the Ministerial Functions *Sine Die.* They have on the fund Mrs Moody, Mrs Ferguson, Mrs Sloan, & Mrs Jackson.

Mr Henry suspended

Clogher Presb. have on the fund Mrs Scott & Mrs Mulligan.

Bangor Presb. have on the fund Mrs Warnick, Mrs Jackson & Mrs Hull.

Licensed

Dromore Presb. report, That agreeably to Synodical Regulations they have licenssed Mr Adair, who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith, and, that they have on the fund Mrs Neilson and family of Mr Henry.

Demitted

Killyleagh Presb. report, That the Rev^{d} M^{r} McComb Demitted his Pastoral Charge of the united Congregation of Cregan and Newtown Hamilton on the 5th of Jan^{ry} last. That on 11th June they ordained in that Congregation Mr Joseph Jackson, who proposed to become a Contributer to the Widows fund on the following terms. I do hereby Order Mr Black or the Agent of the Gen. Synod for the time being to pay into the Widows fund, the sum usually paid for the first year by Contributers out of my R.D. as soon as it shall become due to me, according to Synodical Regulations, as also the sum of 40 shillings every year afterwards during my ministry. They have on the fund Mrs Strong, Mrs Smyth, & family of Mr Henry.

Ordained

Resigned

Root Presb. report, That M^{r} McMechan resigned his Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Killrea in October last. That on the 17th of March last they ordained in his place Mr John Smyth, who is a Contributer to the Widows fund. That the Revd John Simson died on 4th March last, leaving a widow & children. That they have on Tryals Messrs Alex^{r} Montgomery & Ben Mitchel. And on the fund M^{rs}

Ordained

Dead

Gaston, Mrs Smylie, Mrs Elder, Mrs Davis, Mrs Moore, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Douglas, Mrs Smyth, Mrs McMullan, and Mrs Simson.

Belfast Presb. report, That on the first Tuesday of August 1794 they Ordained in the Congregation of Ballinderry Mr William Whitlaw, who is a Contributer to the Widows fund. That the Revd James Huey died 24 Octr last leaving no family. That the Revd Geo. McEwen died 20th March last leaving a widow & children. And that they have on the fund Mrs Kinkead, Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Rowan, Mrs McEwen, & families of Messrs Alexander & Laird. Ordained Dead Dead

Derry Presb. report, That the Revd Moses Goorly resigned his Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Moneyreagh 5th August last. And that they have on the fund Mrs Lyle, Mrs Hare, Mrs Walker, Senr, Mrs Walker, Junr, Mrs Adams, Mrs Patten, & family of Mr Ferguson. Resigned

Strabane Presb. have on the fund Mrs Turbet, Mrs Coulter, & frmily of Mr Young.

Tyrone Presb. report, That the Revd James Todd died in January last leaving a widow & children. That they have agreeably to Synodical Regulations licensed Mr John Duff who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith. Have on first Tryals Messrs Thos Hogg and David Grier. And on the fund Mrs Peebles, Mrs Duffin, Mrs Todd & family of Mr White. Dead Licensed

Dublin Presb. have on the fund Mrs Caldwell & Mrs Rodgers.

Monaghan Presb. report, That agreeably to Synodical Regulations they have licensed Messrs Geo. Potts, Thomas Kinnier & Malcom Scott; and that they have on the fund Mrs Algeo, Mrs Warnock, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Fleming, Mrs Sprat, & family of Mr Jackson. Licensed

T.Patrick Presb. report, That they have Licensed Messrs James Bankhead & Robert Campbell; And have on the fund Mrs Dunbar Mrs White, & Mrs Cowan. Licensed

B.mena Presb. report, That the Revd John Lindsay died on the 17th of May last leaving a widow & children. That Mrs O'Brian died 28th May last. That according to Synodical Regulations they have licensed Mr John Davison. And that they have on the fund Mrs Brown, Mrs Rankin, & Mrs Lindsay. Dead Widow dead Licensed

L.kenny Presb. report, That the Revd John Marshal died in the first week of May last leaving children. That they have Licensed Messrs Dill, Stephenson & M'Ilwain. Have on Tryals Messrs Culbert & Dill. And on the fund Mrs McGaughey, Mrs Gordon, Mrs Delap, Mrs Caldwell, & family of Mr Marshal. Dead Licensed

Gen. Synods fixed Comtee for the year 1795.

Presbs.	Minrs.
Armagh,	Messrs Livingston & Shaw
Clogher,	Messrs Johnston & Davison

Presbs.	Minrs.
Bangor,	Dr Dickson & Mr Caldwell
Dromore,	Messrs Barber & Sherrard
Killyleagh,	Messrs Porter & Jackson
Root,	Messrs Rentoul & Thomson
Belfast,	Messrs Patten & Birch
Derry,	Dr Young & Mr Black
Strabane,	Dr Crawford & Mr Anderson
Tyrone,	Messrs Boyland & Adams
Dublin,	Dr McDowel & Mr Horner
Monaghan,	Messrs Trimble & Lawson
T. Patrick.	Messrs Bankhead & Thomson
B.mena,	Messrs Thos Henry & Hen. Henry
L.kenny,	Messrs Ramsay & McClintock.

These with an elder from each Presbytery & our Moderator & Clerk are to meet at Stewartstown when called by the Moderator on any Emergency; Fifteen to be a Quorum, whereof Twelve at least are to be ministers.

Conduct of Synods Comtee Sustained

The minutes of the proceedings of the Gen. Synods fixed Committee which met at Dungannon on the 27th day of February last being read, the Conduct of the Committee was unanimously sustained.

Conduct of Commissrs approved

The Report of the Commissioners delegated by the fixed Committee to negociate the Establishment of an University in Ulster for the Education of Protestant Dissenters, and to present the Address of the Committee to the Lord Lieutenant being also read, the Conduct of the Commissioners was unanimously approved.

Ld Lieut's Answer to Address of Comtee

The Answer of the Lord Lieutenant to the Address of the Committee is as follows:—

Gentlemen

I return you thanks for this Address. It has been the great Object of my Ambition, since I undertook the Government of this country to secure to his Majesty what he so eminently merits, the Affection & Confidence of his People. On Fidelity to his Royal Person & Government and on Attachment to the Constitution of which He forms so Essential a part, the wellbeing of these Kingdoms ex-

clusively rests. These have been the Principles of your Ancestors, and I am happy to find that you have not departed from them.

The Overture submitted to last Synod respecting the Examination of Candidates for the Ministry, by a Committee of the Synod, being read, It was moved & unanimously agreed to, That said Overture be rejected. Overture rejected

Moved, That the next meeting of the Gen. Synod shall be at Belfast, in the meeting house of the third Congregation on the last Tuesday in June 1796. The Question being put and the Roll called it carried in the affirmative by a great majority. Sermon to begin at five o'clock afternoon. Synod to meet at Belfast

In consequence of the Report of the Commissioners of the Gen. Synods fixed Committee, it was the unanimous Opinion of the Synod that the Application for the Establishment of an University should be farther prosecuted, and that for this purpose, a letter should be written to the Lord Lieutenants Secretary on the Subject. A Committee being appointed to prepare a letter, it was read, unanimously agreed to, and ordered to be transmitted to Mr Stewart, to be by him forwarded to Mr Pelham. A Committee was also appointed, consisting of the following members, viz. Revd Dr Marshal, our Moderator, Dr Crawford, Dr McDowel, Mr Wilson, & Mr Black, vested with full authority to transact all Business on this Head as they may think proper. Application for Establmt of an University to be farther prosecuted; Comtee to attend on Mr Pelham

The letter to Secretary Pelham is as follows :—

Londonderry 1st July 1795.

Sir

We the Ministers and Elders composing the General Synod of Ulster assembled at our annual meeting, take the liberty of Informing you, as holding a Place of high Importance in the Government of this Country; That under the late Administration we applyed for the Establishment of an University, for educating the youth of our Religious Denomination through the medium of Mr James Stewart of Killymoon, a Gentleman of Distinguished Respectability, who has with much Kindness and Zeal, interested himself on our Behalf, on many occasions. We were particularly encouraged to use our Endeavours to Obtain this Important Object by Lord Fitzwilliam's Declaration to Parliament, That it was his Majesty's wish that a system of Education should be adopted favourable to the Improvement of his Subjects of all Religious Descriptions in Ireland. Letter to Mr Pelham

Permit us Sir to acquaint you, that we had the Pleasure to find, That those in the Confidence of Lord Fitzwilliam were well disposed to gratify us in this matter. Our application was for a Seminary of Instruction Invested with the Privileges of an University to be placed under the Patronage of the ministers of the Gen. Synod of Ulster, the Presbytery of Antrim and the Southern Association, and supported by an annual Endowment of Two Thousand Pounds. In this Seminary Divinity, Philosophy, Rhetorick, Mathematicks, and the Languages were to be taught by a competent number of Professors to which other

Branches of Education were to be added as circumstances might permit.

We understand, That upon the late change of Administration this Business was mentioned to you, and explained by Mr Stewart, to whom you were so obliging as to say, "That you were well disposed to receive and attend to our Communications on the Subject," informing him at the same time that a general Plan of Education was to be digested and carried into execution, and that Commissioners would be appointed for that purpose. We trust Sir that in framing this Plan, Regard will be paid to our application, which we request you may be so good as to lay before his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, and that proper measures will be taken to render it effectual.

At present we constitute a large, and permit us Sir, to say, a Respectable part of the People. When what we have been—What we are—And hope ever will be—in our attachment to the great Principles of the Constitution, and to the Peace, the Order, & the welfare of our Country, are considered, we trust, That the confident expectations we have been led to entertain with respect to the Establishment and support of an University will not be disappointed.

This Letter will be transmitted to you by Mr Stewart, who has been so good as to consent to take charge of it and forward it. We take the liberty to request, That your answer, and any farther communications on the subject, may be directed to the Revd Dr Marshal, our Moderator, at Ballymoney, whom with Dr Crawford, Dr McDowel, Mr Wilson, & Mr Black, we have appointed our Commissioners to attend upon you in Dublin, when you may be pleased to call upon them for the purpose, and whom we have invested with full authority to act for us in all respects, in this Business, as to them may seem expedient.

We are Sir, &c.,

ALEXR. MARSHAL, Modr.

Session concluded with Prayer Adjourned till 5 o'clock.

3d Session Wednesday Evening 5 o'clock after prayer.

Overture agreed to

It is Overtured, "That no new Congregation shall be Erected at the meeting of the Synod at which it is first proposed."

This Overture unanimously agreed to.

Drumbo

An Appeal, Memorial, and Supplication from the Congregation of Drumbo were presented to the Synod, by Capt. Kelly Commissioner, complaining that the Presbytery of Belfast had delayed the Ordination of Mr Hanna, among them and had refused to give them Satisfaction as to several Points in dispute between them and their late minister, Mr Malcom, respecting money accounts, and Praying that the Synod might take such steps, as to them may seem expedient for settling these Accounts, and forwarding Mr Hanna's Ordination.

After hearing the Parties at considerable length, the Synod unanimously approve of the conduct of the Presbytery of Belfast, But considering that Party disputes have run high in that Congregation and that the Business itself has been attended with much difficulty, they appoint a Committee consisting of the following members, viz. Dr Dickson, Dr Neilson, Mr McClure, Mr Cochran, Mr Craig, Mr John Thomson, Mr Thomas Cuming, Mr Shaw, & Mr Orr, with Elders, to meet at Drumbo, on the last Tuesday of this month, five to be a Quorum, who are vested with full Powers finally to issue the Business. The Presbytery of Belfast are directed to attend and to give every Information in their power on the Subject. And the Congregation are enjoined to produce their Books to the Committee, & to bring forward all papers that may be called for, tending to throw light on the affair, Mr Cuming to preach. Comtee to meet at Drumbo

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

4th Session Thursday Morning 8 o'clock, after Prayer.

A Supplication was presented to the Synod from a part of the Congregation of Drumbannagher by Mr John Goorly, Commissr, Praying, That the Presbytery of Dromore might be ordered to take a third Poll for Mr Arnold, as they conceived that the Happiness of their Congregation depended on his settlement among them. Drumbannagher

Another Supplication from another part of the Congregation of Drumbannagher was also presented to the Synod by Mr Absalom Best, Commissioner, Praying that Mr Arnold might be set aside, and that the Synod would appoint a Probationer to preach four Lord's Days in their Congregation as a Candidate for becoming their minister.

It was unanimously agreed, that both Supplications be dismissed.

Synodical Business being finished, The Interloqr is appointed to meet at 11 o'clock. Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned.

Interloqr Thursday Morning 11 o'clock.

Upon reading the minute of last year respecting Drumbo it was moved and unanimously resolved that the Congregation of Drumbo, shall not be an exception to the general Rule, respecting the Distribution of the R.D. Drumbo

Mr Trimble declined for the present to bring forward the first three Resolutions of which he gave notice last year, but moved the fourth, amended in the following manner. "That every Contributer "to the widows fund shall, upon every marriage after the first, "contribute fifteen pounds for the benefit of the fund." Motion by Mr Trimble

The Question was put, "Shall this Resolution pass?" The Roll being called, it carried in the affirmative, by a great majority. And in order to carry the Objects of this Resolution into effect, every

Presbytery is enjoined to give immediate Information to our Agent upon the second, or any subsequent marriage, of any of their members.

Mr William Millar

Moved and unanimously agreed to, that upon Mr William Millar continuing to pay the sum of 40 shillings annually into the widows fund, his widow or children shall be entitled to the Benefit of the fund.

Report of Comtee of Accts

Mr Alexander Chairman of the Committee of Accounts gave in the following Report.

Capital of the Widows fund 1st June 1795 ..	£13037 : 16 : 6
Interest arising from the same last year ..	£669 : 10 : 0
Number of Contributers 29th Septr 1794—185.	
Sum contributed by them for one year till that date	£550 : 13 : 10
Number of Annuitants 1st January 1795—65.	
Amount of annuities due & payable to them at that period	£875 : 19 : 2

Examined & approved the account of the R.D. to March Quarter 1795 inclusive; and also the Account of the widows fund to January 1795 inclusive.

ANDW. ALEXANDER.

July 2d 1795.

Expences of G. Synod's fixed Comtee & of their Commissrs to be defrayed out of R.D.

Moved and unanimously agreed to, That the Expences of the several members of the Gen. Synods fixed Committee, which met at Dungannon on the 27th of February last; as also the Expences of the Commissioners appointed by them to proceed to Dublin for the purpose of negociating the Establishment of an University, and presenting their Address to the Lord Lieutenant, be defrayed out of the General Fund of the R.D.

Mr Black to pay 5 per cent. for ballance of Wds fund in his hands

Mr Black having proposed to pay five ℘ cent Interest for the Ballance of the widows fund now in his Hands, until next meeting of Synod, the proposal was agreed to by the Interloqr.

A letter from the Trustees of the widows fund was read and our Moderator & Mr Craig appointed to answer it.

The Modr concluded the Synod with Prayer.

Inserted 14th August 1795, by

ROBERT DICKSON, Clk. of Gen. Synod.

A Gen. Synod at Belfast, 28 *June* 1796.

Dr Marshal the Moderator of the former Synod, opened this, by preaching from 1 Corr. xvi. 13. Then constituted it by Prayer; after which appeared from the several Presbyteries the following members :—

Minrs.	Elders.
L.kenny Presb.	
Andw. Alexander	
Jas. McClintock	
Clogher	
Wm. Moorhead	
Joseph Denham	
Jas. Davison	
Root	
Wm. Knox	
Dr. Marshal	John Boyd
Robt. Thomson	
Wm. Lynd	
Hugh McClelland	
Robt. Rentoul	
Matt. Elder	
Alexr. Martin	
Jas. Brown	
John Glasgow	Robt. Sherrard
Monaghan	
Matt. Trimble	
Robt. Montgomery	
John Arnold	
Jas. Whiteside	
Jas. Gouday	
Tyrone	
John McClelland	Thos. Hogg
Moses Hogg	Robt. Hogg
Jas. Whiteside, Junr.	John Oliver
Wm. Stitt	Wm. Sproul
Wm. Moore	John McIlwain
Hugh Boylan	
Thos. McCay	
Hen. McIlree	
Jas. Adams	Jas. Arthurs
Killyleagh	
Dr. Neilson	Jas. Bingham
Robt. Porter	Bobt Brown
James Petterson	
Jos. Jackson	Wm. Donaldson

Minrs.	Elders.
Armagh	
Saml. Livingston	
Robt. Dickson	
Thos. Cuming	
Nath. Shaw	Jas. Hanna
Wm. Charleton	
Jas. Bankhead	
Strabane	
Dr. Crawford	
Thos. Anderson	
Derry	
Robt. Black	
Robt. Steel	Hugh McPherson
T.Patrick	
John Lewson	
John Wright	John Craig
Thos. Read	
Wm. Montgomery	
John Bankhead	John Horsborough
John Abernethy	
John Gibson	
John Savage	Hugh Kirk
Adam Hill	Robt. Read
Robt. Orr	John Bell
Robt. Thomson	
John Murphy	
Robt. Acheson	
Thos. Alexander	
Dromore	
Isaac Patrick	Geo. Crawford
Robt. McClure	Abrm. Irvine
Saml. Barber	Archd. Moffat
Jas. Birch	John Baxter
John Thomson	John Burnay
Jos. Little	
John Sherrard	Thos. Crawford
Francis Turretine	
Wm. Magee	Jas. Boyd
Wm. Fletcher	Wm. McMinn
Jas. Waddell	Saml. McAdam
John McClelland	John Petterson
John McCance	John McKibbin
Alexr. Petterson	Absalom Best

Belfast.

Saml. Patten
Alexr. Henry
Thos. L. Birch
Andw. Grier
Geo. Brydone
Sinclair Kelburn
Jos. Harrison
Jas. Simson
Wm. Whitlaw
Saml. Hanna
Jas. McCulla
Geo. Stewart
Thos. Lindsay
David Campbell
David McCormick
David Thoburn
Henry Rankin
Edwd. Murray
Robt. Smyth

Bangor

Jas. Cochran
Jas. Bryson
Jas. Caldwell
Dr. Dickson
Andw. Craig
John Wightman
Andw. John Barnet
John Sinclair
Hugh Bodin
Thos. Potts

Bangor—continued

Jas. Sinclair
Jas. Porter
Jas. Knox
Geo. Dobbin
David Taggart
Wm. Byars
Saml. Bryson

Dublin

No member present.

B.mena

Jas. Cuming
Robt. Scott
Robt. Christy
Thos. Henry
Henry Henry
Alexr. Montgomery
Wm. Hamilton
John Foster
John Davison
Jas. Scott
Alexr. Brown

Modr chosen

Dr Marshal having moved, that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, the following Brethren were named, viz. Revd Messrs James McClintock, William Moorhead, William Knox, William Moore, Dr Neilson, Samuel Livingston, Robert Steel, John Lewson, Isaac Patrick, Thos Birch, James Caldwell, & Jas Cuming. The Roll was called & Mr Patrick chosen.

Mr Dickson continued Clerk.

Order to Presbs

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, and to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning of their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, & General Synods fixed Committee. An Account of such ministers as have died, been Ordained, or Installed, and of such Candidates as have been Licensed, or entered on Tryals since last General Synod. An account of Annuitants on the fund. Of any that have died, and of the time when such did die.

Mr Patten who was appointed to preach on the second day of the meeting of this Synod, not attending through Indisposition, Mr Kelburn the *Pastor loci*, is ordered to preach to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. And Mr Wm Moore, of Tyrone Presbytery, is ordered to preach on the second Day of this Synods next meeting at 9 o'clock before noon.

Comtee of Accounts

The following members were returned by the several Presbyteries as a Committee to inspect the accounts of our Agent, viz. Revd Messrs Jas McClintock, Jas Davison, Wm Knox, Jas Whiteside, Jas Adams, Jas Petterson, Thos Cuming, Dr Crawford, Robert Steel, John Bankhead, Jas Birch, Thos Birch, Andw Craig, Robert Christy, & Pat Vance. They are to meet in the Vestry Room to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Any Member may attend to give, or receive Information, but not to vote. The Committee to report.

Ordered, That said Committee do report to the first Interloq^{r} the amount of the Capital of the widows fund, with the Annual Interest arising from the same. The Number of Contributers to the fund, and the sum by them contributed during the last year. Also the number of Annuitants on the fund, and the sum due and payable to them from 1st Jan^{ry} 1795 to 1st January 1796. Order to sd Comtee

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

2^{d} *Session Wednesday Morning* 11 *o'clock after prayer.*

Mr Kelburn preached according to appointment.

Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their members for the several Committees. Also the following Reports :—

Armagh Presbytery report, That Mr Bryson resigned his Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Dundalk, on 22nd June Inst. That Mr Cuming resigned his Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Dromore on 9th Decr last, and was Installed in the Congregation of Armagh, on 26th January following. That on 23^{d} March last they ordained in the Congregation of Dromore Mr James Bankhead, who is a Contributer to the widows fund. That they have entered on first Tryals Mr John Mulligan. And that they have on the fund Mrs Moody, Mrs Ferguson, Mrs Sloan, and Mrs Jackson. Resigned Installed Ordained

Clogher Presbytery report, That Mr Marshal resigned his Pastoral Charge of the united Congregation of Newport & Thurlow, and that on the 27 Decr last they ordained in said Congregation Mr Ja^{s} Hall, who is a Contributer to the widows fund. That Mrs Scott died on 26 Decr last. And that they have on the fund Mrs Mulligan. Resigned Ordained Dead

Strabane Presbytery have on the fund Mrs Torbet, Mrs Coulter, and family of Mr Young.

L.kenny Presbytery report, That they have ordained Mr Dill who is a Contributer to the widows fund. Have licensed Mr Saml Dill according to Synodical Regulations. Have entered on Tryals Mr Hamilton. And have on the fund Mrs Gordon, Mrs Delap, Mrs Caldwell, and family of Mr Marshal. Ordained Licensed

Monaghan Presbytery report, That the Revd William Millar resigned his Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Croghan, on 1st July 1795. That they Installed in that Congregation the Revd Mr Joseph Lawson on 16th June Inst. And that they have on the fund Mrs Algeo, Mrs Warnock, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Fleming, Mrs Sprat, and Mrs Jackson. Resigned Installed

Killyleagh Presb. have on the fund Mrs Strong, Mrs Smyth, and family of Mr Henry.

esigned

T.Patrick Presbytery report, That the Revd John Abernethy resigned his Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of T.Patrick 2^{d} January last. And that they have on the fund Mrs Dunbar, Mrs White, and Mrs Cowan.

Dead
Dead
Licensed

Tyrone Presbytery report, That Mr Smyth died 20 July 1795 leaving a widow and children. That Mr Murray died on the 8th of September following, leaving children. That they have licensed Mr Thos Hogg who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith. And that they have on the fund Mrs Peebles, Mrs Duffin, Mrs Todd, Mrs Smyth, and family of Mr Murray.

Resigned
Ordained

Ballymena Presbytery report, That Mr Joseph Douglas resigned his Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Clough, on 1st Novr 1795 through Age & Bodily Infirmity. That they ordained at B.mena on 21st June Inst Mr William Hamilton who is a Contributer to the widows fund. And that they have on the fund Mrs Brown, Mrs Rankin, and Mrs Lindsay.

Ordained

Dromore Presbytery report, That they ordained Mr Alex^{r} Petterson at Drumbannagher, on 14th June Inst, who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith, and is a Contributer to the widows fund. And that they have on the fund Mrs Neilson, and family of Mr Henry.

Ordained
Licensed

Root Presbytery report, That they ordained at Garvagh on 1st Decr 1795 Mr James Brown, and at Coleraine on 8th March 1796 Mr John Glasgow. That both subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith, and are Contributers to the widows fund. That they have licensed Mr Alex^{r} Montgomery. Have on first Tryals Messrs James Murrell, Ben Mitchel and Mr Lang. And on the fund Mrs Gaston, Mrs Smylie, Mrs Elder, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Davis, M^{rs} McMullan, Mrs Douglas, and Mrs Simson.

Licensed

Bangor Presbytery report, That they have licensed Messrs James Hull & John Cochran Wightman agreeable to Synodical Regulations. And that they have on the fund Mrs Warnick, Mrs Jackson, and Mrs Hull.

Ordained

Belfast Presbytery report, That on the 1st Tuesday of August 1795 they ordained in the Congregation of Drumbo Mr Samuel Hanna who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith and is a Contributer to the widows fund. That they have entered on first Tryals Messrs Arch^{d} Warrick, Wm Colvill, Ja^{s} McCulla, and Francis Johnston. And that they have on the fund Mrs Kinkead, Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Rowan, M^{rs} McEwen, and family of Mr Laird.

Resigned

Derry Presbytery report, That Mr Irvine (through Bodily Indisposition as he stated) resigned his Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Faughan on 22^{d} February last. And that the Presbytery accepted his Resignation from a perswasion of his Incapacity to discharge the ministerial Duties. They have on the fund Mrs Hare, Mrs Lyle, Mrs Walker, Mrs Walker, Junr, Mrs Adams, and Mrs Patten.

Gen. Synods fixed Comt^ees for 1796.

Presbs.	Minrs.
Armagh,	Messrs Livingston & Cuming
Clogher,	Messrs Millar & Johnston
Strabane,	Dr Crawford & Mr Anderson
L.kenny,	Mess^s Hugh Delap & Leech
Monaghan,	Messrs Trimble & Whiteside
T.Patrick,	Messrs Thomson & Acheson
Tyrone,	Messrs Boylan & Adams
B.mena,	Messrs Thos Henry & Hen. Henry
Dromore,	Messrs Birch & Magee
Root,	Messrs Brown & Glasgow
Bangor,	Dr Dickson & Mr Porter
Belfast,	Messrs Birch & Kelburn
Derry,	Dr Young & Mr Black.

These with an Elder from each Presbytery and our Moderator & Clerk are to meet at Belfast when called by the Moderator on any Emergency, fifteen to be a Quorum, whereof Twelve at least are to be ministers.

Dr Neilson the Moderator of the Synods Committee which met at Drumbo, reported to the Synod, That the Committee had issued the Business for which they had been appointed. Report

Moved, That next meeting of Synod shall be Armagh. Moved also, that it be at Lurgan. It was also moved, That it be at Belfast. The Roll being called, it carried by a great majority to meet at Belfast on the last Tuesday in June 1797. Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon. Synods meeting

The several Committees are ordered to meet immediately.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till 5 o'clock.

3^d *Session Wednesday Evening* 5 *o'clock after Prayer.*

Upon reading the Return of the Presbytery of Dromore, It was moved, and agreed to, That the ancient Regulation of this Synod Comt^ee of Books

respecting the different Sub-Synods & Presbyteries bringing their Books to the Synod to be there inspected by the Committee appointed for that purpose, be renewed, and for the future strictly observed.

Overture

Overture.—That whereas certain Regulations respecting Intrants, into the Ministry, as to the Extent & Duration of their Course of Study, previous to their being Licensed to preach the Gospel by any Presbytery belonging to this Synod, have been in force for several years, we hereby recognise the wisdom & authority of said Regulations. And we further add and enjoin—That no Person hereafter licensed to preach the Gospel, by any other Body, or Society of Ministers within this Kingdom, or elsewhere, shall be received by any Presbytery belonging to this Synod, as a Preacher to preach in, or be ordained to, any vacant Congregation under our care, without producing satisfactory Credentials of his having passed through a course of Study in Extent and Duration equal to that prescribed by this Synod to young men to be by them Licensed.

After reasoning on the Subject the Question was put, "Dismiss this Overture or not?" The Roll was called, and it carried, "Not" by a great majority.

Clough

A Supplication from the Session and Congregation of Clough was presented to the Synod, stating, "That they understood the Presbytery of Killyleagh was about to be dissolved," and Praying, "That they might be put under the care of the Revd Presbytery of Bangor."

The Prayer of the above Supplication was granted unanimously.

Killmore

Dr Neilson and the Congregation of Killmore having requested "the consent and authority of this Synod to cease to be connected with "the Presbytery of Killyleagh, and to be put under the care of the "Presbytery of Armagh." Their Request was granted unanimously.

Ballee

A Supplication from the Congregation of Ballee was presented to this Synod by the Revd James Petterson, Pastor of said Congregation, Commissioner, stating, "That as the Presbytery of Killyleagh, to which they belonged, was about to be dissolved, They wish to be put under the care of the Presbytery of Bangor."

This granted unanimously.

Creggan

A Supplication from the Minister and united Congregation of Cregan and Newton Hamilton was also presented to the Synod, Praying to be put under the Care of the Presbytery of Dromore.

This also granted unanimously.

Synodical Business being finished, the Interloq^{r} is appointed to meet to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned.

1st *Interloq^{r} Thursday Morning 7 o'clock.*

Drumbo

A Memorial was presented from the Congregation of Drumbo stating, That they considered themselves aggrieved by the Resolution

of the Interloq^{r} of last year, which precluded their minister from a share of the R.D., and Praying, That a Proportion of it may be allowed to him.

The Prayer of this memorial granted.

A Supplication was presented from Ann Jackson, widow of the late Mr Jackson of Ballybay, Praying, That the Annuity due to her as the widow of a member of this Body may in future be paid to herself. Wid^{w} Jackson

It was moved, "Grant this supplication or not?" The Roll was called, and it carried, "Grant."

Resolved unanimously, That the sum to be paid to each Annuitant on the fund from 1st January 1796 to 1st January 1797 shall be fifteen pounds. Annuity £15

Report of the Committee of Accounts.

Capital of the Widows fund 1st June 1796 ..	£13143 : 16 : 9
Interest from the same last year	£713 : 12 : 0
Number of Contributers 29th Septr 1795—180.	
Sum by them contributed for one year till that date	£347 : 11 : 8
Number of Annuitants 1st January 1796—71.	
Amount of annuities payable to them at that date	£926 : 18 : 7

Examined and approved, the accounts of the R.D. up to the 25th March, 1796, inclusive—and also the accounts of the widows fund, up to the 1st Inst.

JOHN BANKHEAD, Chairman.

Belfast, 30th June, 1796.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

2^{d} *Interloq^{r} Thursday Morning,* 10 *o'clock.*

A Letter from the Trustees of the widows fund was read, and Dr Marshal and Mr John Thomson appointed to answer it.

Mr Black is impowered to lend the Ballance of the widows fund now in his hands, on such securities, as he, with the concurrence of the Trustees, shall deem sufficient.

Resolved that our Agent be, and hereby is, ordered not to pay any R.D. to any minister, who has resigned his Pastoral Charge of a Congregation, unless the Presbytery of which he was a member, shall return him to the Synod, as having resigned through age, or Bodily Infirmity Order to our Agent

On reading the Return of Mr Jackson's Ordination, and of the Terms on which he proposed to become a Contributer to the fund, It was proposed and agreed to, That Mr Jackson and every other minister in Similar Circumstances shall be allowed to become a Contributer, on Mr Jackson admitted a Contributer to the fund

the following terms: That he do pay 40 Shillings annually, together with the Interest of thirty pounds from the day of his Ordination, until a sum equal to the R.D. is paid; And should Mr Jackson die leaving a widow or children on the fund before said R.D. is paid; That said sum shall be paid, before she, or they, shall be entitled to the fund.

Mr Jackson being asked whether he would become a contributer on these terms, answered in the affirmative.

Against the foregoing Resolution the following Protest was given in.

We do hereby Protest against the Resolution of the Interloqr of the Gen. Synod of Ulster, this day entered into, relative to the admission of the Revd Mr Jackson of Cregan, as a subscriber to the widows fund, for the following Reasons:—

Protest against Mr Jacksons admission

1. Because we deem it in our humble Opinion a Dangerous Innovation as sapping a fundamental Principle of the scheme, and tending to its final Ruin.

2. That it carries with it an Insult to a member of our Body, to whom such Indulgence, or any other, was positively refused, and carries with it the appearance of Partiality & Injustice.

Belfast, 30th June, 1796.—Wm Steel Dickson, Wm Stitt, Adam Hill, Robert Christy, Robert Acheson, John McCance, Sinclare Kelburn.

The Letter to the Trustees of the widows fund was subscribed by the Moderator and transmitted to George McConchy, Esqr Dublin,.

The Moderator concluded the Synod with Prayer.

Inserted 18th Aug., 1796, by

ROBERT DICKSON, Clerk of G. Synod.

The following Letter from the Right Honourable Thos Pelham, Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant in answer to the letter of this Synod dated Londonderry, 1st July, 1795, was received but omitted to be entered in its proper place in the Minutes of 1796.

Dublin Castle,

21st July, 1795.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 1st of July, written in the name of the Ministers, & Elders composing the General Synod of Ulster & signed by you as Moderator, in which you inform me that an application had been made for the Establishment of an University, for the Educating the youth of your Religious Denomination; & that you had the pleasure to find that the Gentlemen in the confidence of Lord Fitzwilliam were well disposed to gratify you in that matter; you acquaint me also that the application alluded to, was for a Seminary of

Instruction, invested with the Privileges of an University to be placed under the Patronage of the Ministers of the General Synod, of the Presbytery of Antrim, & of the Southern Association, & to be supported by an annual endowment of two thousand pounds.

I must beg leave to observe to you, upon this part of your letter, that I do not find either in the Office, or in any proceeding in Parliament during the last session, any trace of the Plan you have alluded to, and altho' I took some pains on my arrival in this country to find out what measures were in agitation, in order to carry such into effect, as seemed calculated for the general Interests of the Country. I never heard from any one that such a thing was in contemplation, & from Mr Stewart alone have I ever known of your wishes until I received your Letter.

With respect to the Conversation that passed between Mr Stewart & me I am satisfied that he repeated it correctly; and in truth it amounted only to a declaration on my part, that whenever the Subject of Education in general (which had been the subject of a long Investigation by a Board appointed for that purpose) was taken up by Government & submitted to Parliament, I should be very happy to confer with Mr Stewart, or any person belonging to the Synod of Ulster.

Your request that I should submit your wishes & Expectations to the Lord Lieutenant, I shall take the earliest opportunity of attending to. You may rest assured that your Attachment to the great Principles of the Constitution, to the Peace, the Order, & the welfare of the Country have not escaped his Excellency's notice, and that your professions will be duely considered by him upon all occasions.

I have the Honor to be

Sir your Most obedient Humble Servt,

THOS. PELHAM.

Revd Alexander Marshal, Modr.

A true copy.

ROBERT DICKSON, Clk. of Gen. Synod.

Lurgan 16th *June* 1797.

The Moderator having called the General Synod's fixed Committee, to meet at Lurgan on the 16th day of June 1797 the following Members attended, viz.

Revd Isaac Patrick Modr. Robert Dickson Clerk.

Sam Livingston & Thos Cuming of Presb. Armagh

James Birch & Wm Magee	Presb.	Dromore
Robert Black	,,	Derry
Henry Henry	,,	B.mena

The following members of Synod were also present viz.

Revd John Sherrard	Presb.	Dromore
Nath Shaw & Jas Bankhead	,,	Armagh
Wm Hamilton	,,	B.mena

The Moderator read Several Letters, which he had received from several members of Synod, urging him to call the fixed Committee, for the purpose of considering the expediency of postponing the time & changing the place of the meeting of the Synod; and offering their reasons for this measure.

The Gentlemen present after maturely weighing these Reasons & collecting as much Information on the subject as in their power, were unanimously of Opinion; That the meeting of Synod ought to be postponed, till the first Tuesday of September next, and they were farther unanimously of Opinion, That the Moderator, after consulting the several Presbyteries & procuring the best advice should, if he deemed it necessary, change the place of meeting & even make a farther postponement.

Inserted by

ROBERT DICKSON, Clk. of Gen. Synod.

A General Synod at Belfast, 5th Septr 1797.

Mr Patrick the Moderator of the former Synod, opened this, by preaching from Tit. ii. 15., then constituted it by Prayer, after which the following members from the Several Presbyteries were present, viz. :—

Minrs.	Elders.
Clogher Presb.	
None	
Root.	
Wm. Lynd	
Hugh McClelland	
James Elder	
Alexr. Martin	
John Glascow	
Monaghan.	
Matt. Trimble	
Robt. Montgomery	
James Whiteside	
Tyrone.	
Moses Hogg	Robt. Hogg
Wm. Moore	
Thos. M'Cay	
Henry M'Ilree	Saml. Kidd
Armagh.	
Robert Dickson	
Dr. Neilson	
Nath. Shaw	Alexr. Bower
Wm. Charleton	John Burgess
James Bankhead	
Strabane.	
None.	
Derry.	
Robert Black	
Henry Elder	
Richard Dill	
T. Patrick.	
Thos. Read	
Wm. Montgomery	
John Savage	
Adam Hill	
Robert Orr	John Bell
Robert Thomson	

Minrs.	Elders.
T. Patrick—continued,	
John Murphy	
Robert Campbell	John Galt
Dromore.	
Isaac Patrick	John Arnold
Robert M'Clure	Geo. Maxwell
James Birch	Jas. McAdam
John Thomson	Hugh McFarran
Francis Turretine	
James Waddell	
John M'Clelland	John Patterson
John M'Cance	James Stitt
Alexr. Patterson	
Joseph Jackson	
Belfast.	
Saml. Patten	John McCallum
Alexr. Henry	
Thos. L. Birch	Wm. Shaw
Andw. Grier	John Warnock
Joseph Harrison	
James Simson	
Saml. Hanna	Francis Johnston
Bangor	
Dr. Dickson	
Robert Porter	
Andw. Craig	Robert Smyth
James Sinclair	
James Porter	
David Taggart	
Dublin.	
None.	
B. mena.	
Joseph Douglas	
James Cuming	John Foster
Robert Christy	
Wm. Hamilton	
L. kenny.	
Francis Dill	

Modr chosen

Mr Patrick having moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, the following Brethren were named, viz. Revd Messrs William Lynd, Matthew Trimble, Moses Hogg, Doctor Neilson, Henry Elder, William Montgomery, John McClelland, Thos Birch, Robert Porter, James Cuming, & Francis Dill. The Roll was called, and Dr Neilson chosen.

Cerk continued

Mr Dickson continued Clerk.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, and to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning of their Members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, & General Synods fixed Committee. An account of such ministers as have died, been Ordained, or Installed; And of such Candidates as have been Licensed or entered on Tryals since last general Synod. An Account of Annuitants on the fund; of any that have died, & of the time when such did Die.

Second sermon

Mr Moore is ordered to preach to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock according to appointment of last General Synod; and Mr William Montgomery is appointed to preach on the second Day of this Synods next meeting at 8 o'clock before noon.

Comtee of Accts

The following members were returned by the several Presbyteries as a Committee to Inspect the accounts of our Agent, viz. Revd Messrs McClelland, McCay, Shaw, Elder, Montgomery, John Thomson, Hanna, James Porter, Hamilton, & Dill. They are to meet in the Vestry Room to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Any Member may attend to give or receive Information, but not to vote.

Order to sd Comtee

Ordered, That said Committee do report to the first Interloquitur the amount of the Capital of the widows fund, with the annual Interest arising from the same; The number of Contributers to the fund, and the sum by them contributed during the last year. Also the number of Annuitants on the fund and the sum due and payable to them from 1st Janry, 1796, till 1st Janry, 1797.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

2d Session Wednesday morning 11 o'clock after Prayer.

Mr Moore preached according to appointment.

Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their members for the several Committees. Also the following Reports.

Ordained

Licensed

Dead

Armagh Presbytery report, That on 21st of Decr last they Ordained at Dundalk Mr Wm Neilson, who is a Contributer to the widows fund. That on 2d August last they Licensed Mr Alexr Bower, according to Synodical Regulations. That the Revd Andw Bryson died in the beginning of March last, leaving a widow and children. And that they have on the fund Mrs Moody, Mrs Ferguson, Mrs Sloan, Mrs Jackson, & Mrs Bryson.

Derry Presbytery have on the fund Mrs Hare, Mrs Lyle, Mrs Walker, Mrs Walker, Junr, Mrs Adams, and Mrs Patten.

Dromore Presbytery report, That according to Synodical Regulations they have Licensed Messrs John & Samuel Watson, who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith. That the Revd Alexr McCombe died on 3d June last, leaving a widow and children. And that they have on the fund Mrs Neilson, Mrs Strong, Mrs McCombe, and families of Messrs Mich. & Wm Henry. 2 Licensed Dead

T.Patrick Presbytery report, That the Revd John Gibson died on 18th July 1796, leaving a widow & children. That on 20th Decr 1796 they Ordained at Templepatrick Mr Robert Campbell, who is a Contributer to the widows fund. And that they have on the fund Mrs Dunbar, Mrs White, Mrs Cowan, & Mrs Gibson. Dead Ordained

Root Presbytery report, That they ordained at Billy on 22nd Novr last Mr Daniel McKee, who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith, and is a Contributer to the widows fund. That they have licensed Messrs Morrell, Mitchell & Lang, who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith. That they have entered on first Tryals Messrs Joseph Little, Senr, & Junr. That they have on the fund Mrs Gaston, Mrs Smylie, Mrs Elder, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Davis, Mrs Smyth, Mrs McMullan, & Mrs Simson, and that Mrs Douglas died in the beginning of July last. Ordained 3 Licensed Dead

Letterkenny Presbytery report, That they have licensed Mr David Hamilton according to Synodical Regulations. That they have entered on first Tryals Mr Matthew Herron. And that they have on the fund Mrs Gordon, Mrs Delap, Mrs Caldwell, & family of Mr Marshal. Licensed

Tyrone Presbytery report, That they have entered on first Tryals Messrs Wallace, Carson & Huey; And have on the fund Mrs Peebles, Mrs Smyth & family of Mr Murray.

Belfast Presbytery report, That they have licensed Messrs James McCullough, Archibald Warrick, Francis Johnston & Wm Colvill, who all subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith. Have entered on second Tryals Mr Saml Watson. And have on the fund Mrs Kinkead, Mrs Kennedy, Mrs McEwen, Mrs Rowan, & family of Mr Laird. 4 Licensed

Bangor Presbytery report, That they have licensed Messrs John Warden & John Miles. That Mr Bryson died on 3d Octr 1796, and Mr Dobbin on 21st Decr following, each leaving a widow and children. And that they have on the fund Mrs Warnick, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Jackson, Junr, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Hull, Mrs Bryson & Mrs Dobbin. 2 Licensed 2 Dead

Ballymena Presbytery report, That they have entered on Second Tryals Mr John M'Nish. Have Licensed Mr William King according to Synodical Regulations; And have on the fund Mrs Brown, Mrs Rankin, & Mrs Lindsay. Licensed

Monaghan Presbytery report, That they Installed Mr Henry M'Ilree, in the Congon of Keady on 8th March last. That they have entered on first Tryals Mr Robt Read; & that they have on the fund Mrs Algeo, Mrs Warnock, Mrs Fleming, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Rodgers, & Mrs Sprat. Installed

From Presbs of Clogher, Dublin, & Strabane no reports.

Gen. Synods fixed Committee for the year 1797.

Presbs.	Minrs.
Armagh,	Messrs Cuming & Shaw
Derry,	Dr Young & Mr Black
Dromore,	Messrs J. Thomson & Birch
T.Patrick,	Messrs Orr & Thomson
Root,	Messrs Lynd & Glascow
Monaghan,	Messrs Trimble & Whiteside
L.kenny,	Messrs J. Holmes & Ramsay
Tyrone,	Messrs Hogg & Moore
Belfast,	Messrs Birch & Kelburn
B.mena,	Messrs Thos & Hen. Henry
Bangor,	Messrs R. Porter & Taggart.

These with an Elder from each Presbytery and our Moderator and Clerk, are to meet at Belfast when called by the Moderator, on any Emergency, fifteen to be a Quorum, whereof Twelve at least are to be Ministers.

The several Comt^{ees} are ordered to meet immediately.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till one o'clock afternoon.

3^{d} Session 1 o'clock afternoon, after Prayer.

Donnoghmore

A Supplication was presented to the Synod, from the Session & Congregation of Donnoghmore, Praying that a second Poll of the Cong^{on} might be taken for the Revd Samuel Dill, a Probationer in the Presbytery of Letterkenny, or that a scrutiny of a former Poll might be granted.

Comtee to meet there

It was moved & agreed to, That a new Poll of the Cong^{on} shall be taken by Messrs Moore, Orr, & Patten on the second Wednesday of October. A list of the Voters regularly made out from the Congregational Book, shall be put into the hands of these Gentlemen, together with the said Book as a voucher to direct them in taking the Poll. As also, That no person shall be allowed to vote on that occasion who shall not have been a Seatholder in the Cong^{on} one year previous to the day of Poll; or who shall be in Arrear of Stipend, for more than six months. If the Committee see cause, they are to draw up a Call for

Mr Dill and give it into the hands of the Presbytery of L.kenny. A Copy of this minute to be read in the Congregation on the first & second Lords days hence.

A supplication was presented to the Synod from that part of the Congregation of Clogh, styling themselves the Majority, Praying, That the Ordination of the Revd Mr M'Nish might be forwarded among them. Clogh

A Supplication was also presented from that part of the Congregation called the Minority, Praying, That Mr McNish might be removed from among them or a new Poll taken to ascertain the real sense of the Congregation respecting him.

It was moved and unanimously agreed to, That a Committee of Synod consisting of the following members, viz. Revd Messrs John Thomson, John Savage, James Elder, Willm Lynd, Hugh McClelland, & Wm Montgomery, with Elders, four Ministers & two Elders to be a Quorum, shall meet at Clogh, on the third Tuesday of October, who are to take a Poll of the Congregation, and if they see cause, enjoin the Presbytery of Ballymena, to proceed to the ordination of Mr McNish, with all convenient expedition, Mr Thomson to preach. No person to be allowed to vote at the ensuing Poll who has not been a Seatholder at Novr 1795, & has not paid up his Stipend till Novr 1796. A List of the voters to be lodged with Mr Thomson ten days before the meeting of the Committee. A Copy of this minute to be read in the Congon of Clogh, on the second & third Lords days hence. Comtee to meet at Clogh

A Supplication from the congregation of Munreagh was presented to the Synod Praying, That the Ordination of the Revd Mr Jackson among them may be ordered by the Synod to be expedited. Munreagh

The Synod appoint a Committee consisting of the following members viz. Revd Dr Crawford, Messrs Alexander, Hamil, J. Holmes, & Francis Dill, with Elders, three Ministers & two Elders to be a Quorum, to meet at Munreagh on the third Tuesday of October, who are to Poll the Congon, and if they see cause, direct the Presbytery of Derry to proceed with Mr Jackson's ordination. Mr Dill to preach. No person to vote who was not a Seatholder at May 1796, or who had not paid his stipend up till May 1797. A List of the voters to be lodged with Mr Dill ten days before the day of Poll. Mr Jackson to be constant supplier till that time. A Copy of this minute to be read in the Congregation of Munreagh on the second & third Lords days hence. Comtee to meet there

Moved & unanimously agreed to, That next meeting of Synod shall be held at Lurgan, on the last Tuesday in June 1798, Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon. Synod to meet at Lurgan

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

4th Session Thursday Morning, 10 o'clock after prayer.

A Memorial & Supplication was presented to the Synod from a part of the Session & Congregation of Keady, stating at great length Keady

the Disorders & Confusions, which have long prevailed in that Congregation, and the Grievances under which Memoralists have laboured, by the Introduction of Revd Hen. M'Ilree among them, as a Candidate for taking upon him the Pastoral Charge of the Congregation; The Injury which they alledge his settlement among them would bring on the Interest of Religion; The Irregularity of many of the Proceedings in this Business; The oppressive and overbearing behaviour of M^r McIlree's friends; The unprecedented Conduct of the Presbytery of Monaghan in proceeding to his Installation without the concurrence of the Presbytery of Tyrone, under whose Care the Congregation had been for time Immemorial; And Praying That for these and many other Reasons, the said Installation may be declared Null and Void.

A Narrative of the Presbytery of Tyrone on this subject was laid before the Synod, Stating, That on account of the Refractory Conduct of the majority of the Congregation of Keady and their unamenableness to the Decisions of the Presbytery, they considered themselves under the necessity of declaring the said Congregation not under their Care, which Declaration they however rescinded at their next meeting, and granted supplies to that part of the Congregation which remained amenable to their Authority.

A Memorial & Supplication was also presented to the Synod from the Majority of the Congregation of Keady complaining in many Instances of the treatment which they had received from the Presbytery of Tyrone; and Praying that That Presbytery might be ordered not to send their Probationers into the bounds of that Congregation, as this had a tendency to create Distractions & prevent that Harmony and Happiness which otherwise they were likely to enjoy under M^r McIlree's ministry.

After these matters had engaged a very long and Dispassionate Discussion, and after every evidence which could be procured on the subject had been investigated it was resolved.

M^r McIlrees Installation declared null & void

First, That M^r McIlree's Installation be declared Null and Void.

It was next resolved, That the conduct of the Presbytery of Tyrone in declaring the Congregation of Keady not under their care was Rash and Irregular; and it was moved & unanimously agreed to, That the said Presbytery be admonished from the Chair, and they were admonished accordingly.

It was also moved & agreed to, That on account of the very Irregular & unprecedented Conduct of the Presbytery of Monaghan in this Business, the said Presbytery be *Earnestly* admonished from the Chair, And they were *Earnestly* admonished accordingly.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

5th Session Friday morning, 7 o'clock, after Prayer.

Charges against M^r McIlree

Charges and Alligations, affecting the Moral Character of M^r McIlree having been brought forward; Resolved, That a Committee

be appointed to inquire into the same. That said Committee shall consist of the following members, viz. From Armagh Presb. Messrs Livingston, Cuming, Shaw & Bankhead. From Dromore Messrs Patrick, Hay, Sherrard & Birch. From Clogher Messrs Millar, Denham & Davison. From Bangor Mr Craig. And from Ballymena Mr Cuming, with their Elders, Seven to be a Quorum, five of whom to be ministers, who shall meet at Armagh on the second Wednesday of October, Invested with Powers of Issuing the affair and of taking such steps for settling the Disputes in the Congregation of Keady as they shall think necessary. Mr Craig to preach. Till the meeting of the Committee the Congregation to be supplied as follows:—first Lord's day hence by Mr Patterson; second by M^r McAlister; third by Mr Jackson; fourth by Mr Arnold, and fifth by Mr Cuming. The Synod do earnestly recommend and enjoin that both Parties in the Congregation do lay aside their animosities, & regularly attend Publick Worship as one Body. All the Papers together with the written evidence, which has been taken before the Synod on the Subject, shall be laid before the Committee, who are impowered to avail themselves of the same if they see it necessary. A Copy of this minute as also of that of the preceeding Session to be read in the Congregation on the first and second Lords days hence. Comt^ee to inquire into the same

Resolved unanimously, That in Polling Congregations no votes shall be taken, but such as are given in Person. Rule in polling Cong^ons

The Business of the Synod being now finished, that of the Interloquitur immediately commenced.

1st *Interloq^r Friday morning* 9 *o'clock.*

A Letter from the Trustees of the widows fund was read & Dr Dickson & Mr Vance appointed to answer it.

Comt^ee of Accounts report as follows.

Capital of the widows fund 1st June 1797 ..	£13248 : 12 : 1
Interest from the same last year ..	£718 : 10 : 0
Number of Contributers 29 Septr 1796—172.	
Sum by them contributed for one year till that date	£438 : 3 : 7
Number of Annuitants 1st Jan^ry 1797—70.	
Amount of Annuities due and payable to them at that date	£1022 : 16 : 8

Committee examined the accounts of the widows fund till 1st June 1797. Also the acoounts of the R.D. till March Quarter 1797, inclusive, and approve the same.

JOHN THOMSON, Chairman.

Belfast 7th Septr 1797.

Mr Black is impowered to lend the Ballance of the widows fund now in his hands, on such securities as he shall deem sufficient.

Adjourned till 11 o'clock.

2d Interloqr Friday Morning, 11 *o'clock.*

Resolution respecting Contributers to the fund

Moved and agreed to, That any minister, a Contributer to the widows fund on his leaving this Kingdom, shall no longer be considered as connected with the said fund.

Resolution respecting annuitants on the fund

Moved & agreed to, That any Annuitant on the widows fund on his, or her, ceasing to reside in Ireland, shall be at liberty to dispose of his or her Interest in the same to the contributers thereto for its sole benefit, at such valuation as shall be made & agreed to by two Gentlemen, the one to be nominated by the Agent for said fund, for the time being, and the other by such Annuitant, and if said Gentlemen shall not agree, That they shall be, and hereby are impowered to call in an Umpire to decide. And that the amount of said valuation shall be paid by our Agent aforesaid out of the R.D. of the Contributers.

Resolution respecting contributers ceasing to be entitled to R.D.

Moved & agreed to, That upon any Contributer to the widows fund ceasing to be entitled to the R.D. If said Contributer does not in the space of three months, give notice to his Presbytery or our Agent of his Intention to continue a Contributer, and also ascertain the mode of paying his future subscription, his wife & family shall forfeit all claim upon the fund.

Mr King

A Letter from the Revd Joseph King, was read giving notice, That notwithstanding his Resignation of the Congregation of Sligo, he intends to continue a Contributer to the Widows fund.

Mr Irvine

In consequence of a Representation of Mr Black it was unanimously resolved, That our Agent be ordered to pay 40 shillings annually out of the R.D. into the widows fund, as the contribution of Mr Irvine late minister of Faughan.

A Compmt of £15 to Mr Vaughan agent for English R.D.

Some members of the Southern Association, having intimated to Mr Black, their Desire that a Compliment of Twenty Guineas or even a larger sum might be made to Mr Ben. Vaughan, the Agent for our English R.D., and that we would concur with them in that matter. Resolved unanimously, That our Agent Mr Black do pay the sum of fifteen pounds, being our proportion of Thirty pounds which we wish to be presented to that Gentleman.

The letter to the Trustees of the Widows fund, was read, approved, & ordered to be subscribed by the Moderator.

The Moderator concluded the Synod with Prayer.

Inserted 3d October 1797 by

ROBERT DICKSON, Clerk of Gen. Synod.

A Gen. Synod at Lurgan, 28th Aug. 1798.

Dr Neilson the Moderator of the former Synod opened this, by preaching from Prov. iv. 23. The Synod was then constituted by Prayer, after which appeared from the Several Presbyteries the following members, viz. from

Minrs.	Elders.
Root Presb.	
Wm. Knox	
Robt. Thomson	
Jas. M'Farland	
Jas. Elder	
Alexr. Martin	
Daniel M'Kee	
John Glascow	
Monaghan.	
John M'Curdy	
Jas. Gouday	
Tyrone.	
Moses Hogg	Robt. Hogg
Jas. Whiteside	
Wm. Moore	John M'Ilwain
Hugh Boylan	
Henry M'Ilree	Saml. Kidd
John Davison	Andw. M'Caldon
Wm. Read	
Armagh.	
Saml. Livingston	
Robert Dickson	
Dr. Neilson	
Thos. Cuming	
Nath. Shaw	Wm. Kyle
Wm. Charleton	
Jas. Bankhead	Wm. Herron
Strabane.	
Dr. Crawford	
Wm. Dunlop	
Jas. Henderson	
Derry Presb.	
Robert Black	
Richard Dill	

Minrs.	Elders.
T. Patrick.	
Wm. Montgomery	
John Savage	
Adam Hill	
Thos. Alexander	Jas. Boyd
Robert Campbell	
Dromore.	
Isaac Patrick	John Arnold
Jas. Birch	
John Thomson	Geo. White
Joseph Little	
John Sherrard	Thos. Crawford
Francis Turretine	
Jas. Waddell	John Watson
John M'Clelland	
Alexr. Patterson	
Joseph Jackson	Alexr. M'Combe
Bangor.	
Robert Porter	
Andw. Craig	Jas. Fulton
B. mena.	
Jas. Cuming	
L. kenny.	
Jas. Taylor	
John Holmes	
Wm. Ramsay	
Francis Dill	
Clogher.	
Jas. Davison	
Antrim Presbytery.	
Dr. Bruce	
Mr. Vance	

It being moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod the following Brethren were named, viz. Revd Messrs Wm Knox, Ja^{s} Gouday, Moses Hogg, Thos Cuming, Wm Dunlop, Richard Dill, Wm Montgomery, John Sherrard, & Francis Dill. The Roll was called, & Mr Cuming chosen.

Mr Dickson continued Clerk.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night & to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning of their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Funds, & Gen. Synods fixed Committee. An Account of such ministers as have died, been Ordained or Installed; and of such Candidates as have been licensed, or entered on Tryals, since last Gen. Synod. An Account of Annuitants on the fund, of any that have died, and of the time when such did die.

Mr Montgomery is ordered to preach to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock, according to appointment of last Gen. Synod.

Comt^{ee} of Acct^{s}

The following members were returned by the several Presbyteries as a Committee to inspect the Accounts of our Agent, viz. Revd Messrs Knox, McCurdy, Boylan, Shaw, Henderson, Hill, Dill, Birch, Porter, Cuming, Holmes, & Davison. They are to meet in the Vestry Room to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Any member may attend to give or receive Information, but not to vote.

Order to ^{sd} Comt^{ee}

Ordered, That said Committee do report to the first Interloq^{r} the amount of the Capital of the widows fund, with the Annual Interest arising from the same. The number of Contributers to the fund, & the sum by them contributed during the last year. Also the number of Annuitants on the fund, and the sum due & payable to them from 1st Jan. 1797, to 1st Jan. 1798.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

2^{d} Session Wednesday morning 10 *o'clock after Prayer.*

Mr Montgomery preached according to appointment.

Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their members for the several Committees. Also the following Reports :—

Licensed

Armagh Presbytery report, That they have on the fund Mrs Moody, Mrs Ferguson, Mrs Sloan, Mrs Bryson, & Mrs Jackson; and that they have licensed Mr John Mulligan according to Synodical Regulations.

T. Patrick Presbytery report, That they have on the fund Mrs Dunbar, Mrs White, Mrs Cowan, & Mrs Gibson.

Root Presbytery report, That they have on the fund Mrs Gaston, Mrs Smylie, Mrs Elder, Mrs Davis, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Simson, & family of Mr Douglas. That they have licensed Mr Lang and Mr Joseph Little. That both subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith,

Licensed

Licensed

& the latter, in complyance with a Rule of the Presbytery, took the oath of Allegiance, before a Magistrate; and that they have on first Tryals Mr Jos Little, Junr, & Mr Kelso. They farther report, That the Revd John Glendy, being charged with Seditious Practices, was permitted by Col. Leith to transport himself & Property to America; And that the Revd John Smyth being tried by a Court Martial at Maghera, has been transmitted to Belfast, sentence of the Court not known. Mr Glendy Mr Smyth

Bangor Presbytery report, That the Revd James Patterson died on 7th of May last, leaving a widow & family. That Mr Knox demitted the Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Donnaghadee on first of May, on acoount of Mental Infirmity. And that Mr Jas Porter was executed at Grayabby on 2d of July, in Consequence of the sentence of a Military Tribunal which sat at Newtonards. He left a widow & family. They ordained Mr John Cochran Wightman in the Congregation of Moira on the 20th of March last. He is a Contributer to the widows fund. They have on the fund Mrs Warnick, Mrs Jackson, Senr, Mrs Jackson, Junr, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Hull, Mrs Bryson, Mrs Dobbin, and Mrs Patterson. Dead Demitted Mr Porter executed Ordained

Clogher Presbytery report, That they have licensed Messrs William Smyth & Josias Gamble; and have on the fund Mrs Mulligan. 2 Licensed

Monaghan Presbytery report, That they have entered on first Tryals Messrs Gibson and White, and have on the fund Mrs Algeo, Mrs Warnock, Mrs Fleming, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Rogers, & Mrs Sprat.

Strabane Presbytery report, That they have licensed Mr Porter, & have on the fund Mrs Torbet & Mrs Coulter. Licensed

Letterkenny Presbytery report, That the Revd. Benj. Holmes died on 3d of Febry last, leaving a family. That they have licensed Mr Samuel Culbertson; Entered on first Tryals Mr Monteith; And have on the fund Mrs Gordon, Mrs Delap, & families of Messrs Marshal & Holmes. Dead Licensed

Dromore Presbytery report, That they have licensed Mr Samuel Arnold according to Synodical Regulations. That he subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith. And that they have on the fund Mrs Neilson, Mrs Strong & Mrs McCombe. Licensed

Derry Presbytery report, That they ordained the Revd John Canning in the Congregation of Mallin, on the 23d of March last, who is a Contributer to the widows fund. That the Revd James Knox demitted the Pastoral Office on 7th of August last from bodily Infirmity. That the Revd Robert Steel, having pleaded Guilty to a charge of Treason & Rebellion before a Court Martial his name was erased from the List of the Presbytery. That John Pinkerton & Ruben Rogers, two Probationers, having connected themselves with Treasonable Associations, were declared to be no longer under the Care of the Presbytery. That they have on the fund Mrs Hare, Mrs Walker, Senr, Mrs Walker, Junr, and Mrs Patten. That Mrs Lyle died on the 15th of Novr, & Mrs Adams on the 8th of June 1797. Ordained Demitted Mr Steel Mr Pinkerton Mr Rogers 2 Wds dead

Dead

2 Ordained

Tyrone Presbytery report, That the Revd James Whiteside, Senr, died on 23^{d} March last leaving a family. That they ordained Mr John Davison to the Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Cookstown on the 26th of Septr 1797, who is a Contributer to the widows fund:— And on the 24th of May 1798 ordained Mr Wm Read to the Pastoral Charge of the united Congregation of Vinecash & Richhill, who is not a Contributer to the widows fund. That they have Licensed Messrs Chas Wallace & Alex^{r} Carson in May last. Have on second Tryals Mr Robert Stewart. On first Tryals Mr John Huey; and on the fund Mrs Peebles, Mrs Duffin, Mrs Todd, Mrs Smyth, & families of Messrs Murray & Whiteside.

2 Licensed

From the Presbyteries of Ballymena, Belfast, & Dublin no Reports.

Gen. Synods fixed Committee for the year 1798.

Presbs.	Minrs.
Armagh,	Messrs Livingston & Shaw
T.Patrick,	Messrs Hill & Savage
Root,	Messrs Brown & Fullerton
Bangor,	Mr Taggart
Clogher,	Messrs Millar & Davison
Monaghan,	Messrs Davys & Trimble
Strabane,	Dr Crawford & Mr Hamil
L.kenny,	Messrs Taylor & Ramsay
Dromore,	Messrs Birch & J. Thomson
Derry,	Dr Young & Mr Black
Tyrone,	Messrs Moore & Hogg

These with an Elder from each Presbytery & our Moderator & Clerk are to meet at Lurgan when called by the Moderator on any Emergency, fifteen to be a Quorum, whereof twelve at least are to be ministers.

Second sermon discontinued

It was moved & unanimously agreed to, That the Second Sermon shall be discontinued at the subsequent meetings of Synod.

3 Presb^{s} disapproved

This Synod observing that the Presbyteries of Ballymena, Belfast & Dublin have made no returns, and that no member of any of those Presbyteries appears at this time, cannot avoid expressing their pointed Disapprobation of these Presbyteries, and enjoin that they shall account for this shameful neglect at next meeting of Synod.

The several Committees are ordered to meet immediately. Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till 1 o'clock.

3d Session, Wednesday 1 o'clock after Prayer.

The minute of last Synod respecting the Committee appointed to meet at Donnaghmore being read, it was moved & agreed to, That in consequence of no written Documents of the Proceedings of said Committee being produced, the Business shall be now dismissed, & another Committee appointed to meet at Donnaghmore, invested with full Powers for finally issuing all Matters in dispute there, in such a manner as to them shall seem proper, That the said Committee shall consist of the following members, viz. Revd Messrs Dr Crawford, Hugh Hamil, Wm Dunlop, Wm Knox, Robt Thomson, Jas McFarland, Jas Elder, John Glascow, & John Davison, with Elders, five ministers & two Elders to be a Quorum, to meet on the third Tuesday of October, Mr Dunlop to preach. Mr Dill is appointed to preach in Donnaghmore on the two Lords Days immediately preceding the meeting of the Committee, and the Congregation are hereby enjoined to send an authenticated List of all their members regularly qualified to vote, (should a Poll be thought necessary) to Dr Crawford, ten days previous to the meeting of the Committee. This minute to be read in the Congregation of Donnaghmore on the second & third Lords Days hence. Donnaghmore

It appeared, That the Committee appointed to meet at Clogh had issued the Object of their appointment, & the Synod unanimously approved of their Conduct. Clogh

Dr Crawford reported from the Committee appointed to meet at Munreagh, That they had finally issued all matters for which they had been sent thither. Munreagh

Upon reading the minute respecting Keady & hearing the report of the Committee which met at Armagh, it was unanimously agreed to, that the Conduct of the said Committee be approved. It appearing however, from two long memorials & supplications presented to the Synod from the Congregation of Keady that matters are far from being in a state of Harmony, Peace, & brotherly Concord in that Congregation, but that on the Contrary, Party Spirit, Dissention, & Animosities still continue to run high among them, It was moved & agreed to, as the only measure likely to heal their Divisions, that another Poll should be taken of the Congregation of Keady. A Committee consisting of the Revd Messrs Sherrard, Shaw, & Bankhead, is therefore appointed, to take the said Poll on the last Wednesday of September. The Committee to be guided in taking the Poll by the regular Stipend Book during the ministry of the late Mr Smyth; and those only who were paying stipend at the time of his Decease, & the Representatives of such of them as have died since are to be considered regularly qualified voters. This book to be produced & read in the Congregation, & to be furnished to Mr Shaw, at least ten days previous to the day of Poll. The Committee are impowered to Install Mr McIlree if they see Cause. This minute to be read in the Congregation of Keady next Lords Day. Keady

Comtee to Poll Congon of Keady

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

4th Session Thursday Morning, 10 o'clock, after Prayer.

The following Addresses to his Majesty, and the Lord Lieutenant, being proposed by the Committee of Overtures, were unanimously agreed to by the Synod; ordered to be presented to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant by the Moderator, the Revd Mr Vance & the Revd Mr Black; And that the Addresses, with the Answers when received, shall be once published in the *Dublin Evening Post, Dublin Journal, and Belfast News-Letter.*

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE MINISTERS & ELDERS OF THE GENERAL SYNOD OF ULSTER ASSEMBLED AT LURGAN ON THE 28TH DAY OF AUGUST 1798.

Most Gracious Sovereign

Address to the King

We your Majesty's Dutiful & Loyal Subjects the Ministers & Elders of the General Synod of Ulster, though prevented by a Daring & Flagitious Rebellion raging in two Counties of this Province, from assembling at our stated season, eagerly embrace the first Opportunity afforded by the return of Tranquility to lay our Sentiments of Loyalty to your Majesty, and of sorrow & shame for the Calamities & Crimes of our Country, at the foot of the Throne.

We cheerfully renew those Declarations of Fidelity to the Crown & Attachment to the Constitution, from which we have never swerved. We can confidently assure your Majesty that these have been the Invariable Principles, & Professions of this Body; and we appeal to History to attest the Inviolable Attachment of the Presbyterians of Ireland to Monarchy, Counselled by an Hereditary Nobility, & supported & limited by an Elective Representative of the Commons.

But while we dwell with Exultation on those Periods of our Annals in which our Ancestors firmly resisted the Usurption of Cromwell, vigorously supported the Exertions of King William, & strenuously defended your Majesty's Illustrious Progenitors from the repeated attempts of a Desperate Pretender to the British Throne, and this Kingdom against the restless Ambition of France; we are constrained to lament, with the deepest Humiliation, that the most Stable & Sacred Principles of many of our People & of some of our members, have been shaken by the Convulsions of this Sceptical & Revolutionary aera.

Though we cannot presume to suggest the general Infatuation of a great part of Europe, nor the incessant & deceitful artifices employed in this country to seduce our People, as Apologies for crimes which we ourselves deem inexcusable, much less for those few unworthy members of our Body, whose conduct we can only view with grief &

Indignation, yet we venture to entreat your Majesty not to impute to the Whole the Transgressions of a part, nor to believe that the Synod of Ulster has fallen off from that line of Conduct which it heretofore uniformly maintained, nor from those Principles which it has often so solemnly avowed.

We Beseech your Majesty to accept the faithful Exertions of those who have withstood the torrent of Popular fury, & the Seductions of Sophistical Philosophy, as an atonement for their deluded Brethren. Let the madness of the Multitude be hidden from your eyes, by the courage, & sufferings of those of our Communion who have fought & died in defence of their King & Country, their Liberty, & Religion, and deign to harken to our Solemn Engagement, to do our utmost to recall the deluded from their Errors & Crimes, to make a strict Inquiry into the Conduct of our delinquent members; and to withstand to the best of our Abilities those pernicious foreign Principles which threaten alike the Temporal and Eternal Interests of Mankind.

Finally, we Beseech the King of Kings, who stilleth the madness of the People, and maketh the Wrath of men to praise him, & their vices to redound to His Glory, to Bliss & Protect your Majesty, to preserve your Subjects from every fatal Delusion & to convert our follies, Crimes, & Miseries, into Instruments of Wisdom, Piety, & happiness both now & for ever.

Signed in our name & by our appointment,

THOMAS CUMING, Modr.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE MOST NOBLE CHARLES MARQUIS CORNWALLIS, LORD LIEUTENANT GENERAL, AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

Address to the Ld Lieutenant

May it please your Excellency

We his Majesty's Dutiful & Loyal Subjects, the Presbyterian Ministers, & Elders of the General Synod of Ulster embrace this our earliest opportunity of expressing our Congratulations on your Excellency's arrival in this Kingdom.

Though the Reasons of our meeting do not lead to the Investigation of Political Subjects, yet we feel ourselves irresistibly called on at this important Period, rendered still more Interesting by the actual landing of a foreign Enemy on our shores, to declare our unfeigned attachment to the Laws & Constitution of our Country, a Constitution in behalf of which our Fathers suffered & bled, & in defence of which we, their Descendants, are also willing to risk everything that is valuable & dear to us.

As we abjure every Idea of foreign Interference in the affairs of this Kingdom, so we view with Sorrow and Indignation the late Attempts which have been made at Home to subvert our Government, under the specious pretext of Reforming it: Attempts, originating

with the Crafty & Ambitious, seconded by the Ignorant & Credulous; and in too many Instances reduced to practice by the abandoned & Licentious. And we fondly trust that the Firm, Wise & Healing Measures pursued by your Excellency will be the Happy Means, as well of preventing such Attempts in future, as of calming that anxiety & Apprehension with which the Popular mind has been so long agitated.

Our fellow Subjects in far distant Lands, have born ample Testimony to that wisdom & virtue which form most striking features in your Excellency's Character; and we anticipate with pleasure the Period when we also shall have learned by happy Experience how eminently qualified your Excellency, is to restore Harmony, & Comfort to a distracted Land.

We entreat your Excellency to lay before our Gracious Sovereign our Humble & Dutiful Address, which we herewith deliver to your Excellency, and we rely on your Goodness for a favourable Representation of our Principles & Conduct.

Signed,

THOS. CUMING, Moderator.

The subsequent Overtured Address from the Synod to the People under their Pastoral Care, was unanimously agreed to; Ordered to be read from the Pulpit, and such a number of Copies to be printed and circulated, as would allow a Dozen at least to be distributed to each Congregation.

Christian Brethren

Address to the People

Influenced by a sincere and Affectionate regard for your Happiness, Temporal and Eternal, and by a sense of the Obligations we are under to promote, as far as in our Power, the Welfare of our Country, we feel it our Duty to address you, on the present deeply Interesting Occasion. Whilst we lament the late Disturbance of the public Peace, we derive no small satisfaction, from the Conviction, that the great Body of the People with whom we are connected have given by their Conduct the most decisive Proof how greatly they condemned all acts of Violence.

With respect to those of our Communion who unhappily have been led into open Outrage and Rebellion, we entreat them to reflect dispassionately on their Conduct; and to Place before their view, the melancholy consequences by which it has been followed. On making an appeal to their own Hearts, they must see, & feel, that it cannot be justified. So many of their fellow creatures deprived of life & hurried into Eternity; Numbers driven from their Habitations without knowing where to seek for Refuge; So much property destroyed, and the Commerce of the Country in so many Respects injured. These are Evils of such magnitude, as we are confident, must make upon their minds a very deep Impression. Men may violate the Duty which they owe to themselves, and to their King, to their country, and to their God, from Error or from Passion, but to persist in doing

wrong, where the wrong is so apparent would testify a Depravity of mind, with which we hope they will not be chargeable.

With respect to all of you under our Care, the great Object of our Ambition is that you should maintain that Loyalty to the King & Attachment to the Constitution combined with those Virtuous, Honourable & Pious Principles which distinguished your forefathers, and which have rendered their memories dear to their Posterity.

Here is an Example which we earnestly recommend to your Imitation, an example equally distinguished by Loyalty & by a Veneration for those Rights of the Governed, the securing of which is alike the Duty & the Interest of the Crown.

We beseech you to look back to the Period when these Disputes commenced which have involved this Country in its present Calamities, and say whether in matters of a Political nature on wheighing their Blessings, with the evils of which they complained, the People of Ireland could be Justified in rising in Opposition to Government & disturbing the Public Peace. Did not Christians of every Denomination enjoy perfect liberty of conscience? Were not the shackels broken which had confined our Trade? Was not private property secure, and the land every day becoming more prosperous? Can a wise or a virtuous man be found who would not wish to see us brought back to the same comfortable Situation? The accomplishment of this most desirable Object, will be greatly forwarded, by your acting under the influence of a steady regard to the Laws & to the Constitution, by your avowed and manly Opposition to every species of Insurrection, and by those exertions to restore the public Tranquility, which at this critical and important Period, will be the best proof of your regard to your own Interest, of your Loyalty to your King, and your love to your Country.

Thus co-operating with the efforts in behalf of Ireland of our excellent chief Governor, whose name for Dignity of Principle, for Benevolence & true Wisdom, is so eminently distinguished, you will evince, That you know & feel what you owe to your own Character, testifying in the most effectual manner that you reprobate the views of those who would involve this country in the incalculable Horrors of a Revolution, and aid in restoring to it the enjoyment of its former Blessings.

In your endeavours to restore Order & the Public Peace, it is necessary for us to observe how much it is your Duty, on every Occasion to place in the strongest point of view to every one with whom you can have Influence the Danger, and pernicious Consequences of a foreign Connexion. Here in respect to France your argument is simple, it is plain, and not to be resisted. It is the Fact that this nation has exercised a Despotic Power, over every country, which has had the misfortune to apply to it for assistance, or to be conquered by its arms. As a strong additional Motive to excite you to oppose any attempt against this country, of this restless ambitious People, we beseech you to consider how unfriendly their Declarations, & Conduct have been, to those Principles of Religion, which are the support of our present comfort, and the sure foundation of our Eternal Happiness.

Permit us likewise to entreat you to guard against a Party Spirit & to cultivate goodwill towards your fellow-subjects of every Religious Description. Everything contrary to this would be hostile to that Christian Temper, by which you should be animated, would be inconsistent with your Principles as Protestant Dissenters, and a reproach to your Character. Brethren deeply concerned in what respects your Duty & Happiness, & as ministers of the Gospel of Peace, we Beseech you to attend to, & to practice the things that make for Peace. And we offer up our fervent Prayers to the Almighty, that you may conduct yourselves, in the manner, in which your own Hearts will approve, on Reflection, which will give you Comfort at the hour of Death, and which will be approved at the Great Day when you shall stand before the Tribunal of your Judge.

Signed by order

THOS. CUMING, Moderator.

The following Overture was likewise unanimously agreed to by the Synod.

Overture agreed to

The Synod reflecting with grief & Indignation on the Conduct of some members of this Body, and of the Licentiates under their Care who have been lately implicated in Seditious & Treasonable Practices, do hereby declare their most pointed abhorrence of a Deportment so inconsistent with the Character of a minister of Religion. And they do strictly enjoin the several Presbyteries within their Bounds, to Institute a Solemn Inquiry into the Conduct and Conversation of their respective members and Probationers, to distinguish impartially between the Innocent & the Guilty, that the ministry may be Blameless, and to make a faithful report of their Procedure at next meeting of Synod, under Penalty of severe Censure.

Synod to meet at Lurgan

Moved and agreed to that next meeting of Synod shall be held at Lurgan on the last Tuesday of June next. Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

Session concluded with Prayer.

Interloqr Thursday, 3 *o'clock.*

The Committee of Accounts report as follows:—

Capital of the widows fund 1st June 1798 ..	£13560 : 6 : 4
Interest from the same for one year till that date	£758 : 15 : 0
Number of Contributers 29th Septr 1797—174.	
Sum by them contributed for one year till that date	£570 : 14 : 4
Number of Annuitants 1st Janry 1798—72.	
Amount of Annuities due & payable to them at that date	£1024 : 16 : 8

Examined the Accounts of the R.D. down to 25th of March 1798. Also the Accounts of the widows fund down to the first of June 1798, and approved the same.

WM. KNOX, Chairman,

A Letter from the Trustees of the widows fund to the Moderator was read, and the Moderator & Mr Vance were appointed to answer it.

Mr King not having paid his subscription to the Widows fund for the last year, is no longer to be considered as a Contributer. Mr King

Mr Black is authorised to lend the amount of the Ballance formerly in his hands, together with the sum of £296 : 14 : 3, accruing to the widows fund last year, on such private Securities as he shall think most for the advantage of the fund. Mr Black

In consequence of an Application in behalf of Mr McIlree, it was unanimously agreed, that if the Committee, appointed to meet at Keady, shall see cause to Install him in the Congregation, Mr Black shall in due course remit him his share of the R.D. Mr McIlree

Moved and unanimously agreed to, That our Agent be instructed to pay the sum of five hundred pounds, out of the June Quarter 1798, into the Treasury, as the Contribution of the members of this Body towards the defence of the Kingdom. £500

The Moderator concluded the Synod with Prayer.

Inserted 18th Septr 1798 by

ROBERT DICKSON,
Clerk of Gen. Synod.

A General Synod at Lurgan 25 *June* 1799.

Mr Cuming the Moderator of the former Synod opened this by preaching from Matt. xi. 5. Then constituted it by Prayer. After which appeared from the Several Presbyteries the following members, viz. from :—

Minrs.	Elders.
Monaghan Presb.	
John Davys	
Matt. Trimble	
John McCurdy	
Jas. Whiteside	
Saml. Kennedy	
Jas. Gouday	Jas. Kinneer
Tyrone.	
Moses Hogg	Robt. Hogg
Jas. Whiteside	
Wm. Stitt	
Wm. Moore	
Hugh Boylan	
Thos. McCay	
Jas. Adams	
John Davison	
Wm. Read	Hugh Mathews
Alexr. Carson	
Armagh.	
Saml. Livingston	Geo. Gray
Robert Dickson	
Thos. Cuming	
Nath. Shaw	Wm. Kyle
Wm. Charleton	
Jas. Bankhead	Wm. Herron
Wm. Neilson	
Strabane	
Hugh Hamill	
Wm. Dunlop	Mr. Stevenson
Derry.	
Dr. Young	
Robt. Black	
Hugh Brooks	
Richd. Dill	
T. Patrick.	
John Bankhead	
John Savage	
T. Patrick—continued.	
Robert Orr	
Robert Thomson	
Thos. Alexander	
Robert Campbell	
Dromore.	
Isaac Patrick	
Robt. McClure	Jas. Henderson
Saml. Barber	Jas Hart
Jas. Birch	Robt. Lowry
John Thomson	Matt. Hughs
Joseph Hay	Andw. Wilson
Dr. Little	
John Sherrard	Henry Dickson
Wm. Magee	Jas. Boyd
Wm. Fletcher	Robert Urie
Jas. Waddell	David Speer
John McClelland	
John McCance	
Alexr. Patterson	John Farson
Joseph Jackson	Alexr. Donaldson
Belfast.	
Saml. Hanna	
Wm. Whitla	
Saml. Watson	Thos. Osborne
Bangor.	
Jas. Cochran	
Jas. Caldwell	
Andw. Craig	
Robt. Acheson	
David Taggart	
John Cochran Wightman	Wm. Ker
Josiah Ker	Wm. Morland
John Arnold	Geo. McMinn
Dublin.	
Dr. McDowel	

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
B.mena.		Route.	
Jas. Cuming		Robert Thomson	
Wm. Hamilton		Robert Rentoul	
		Jas. McFarland	Jas. Watt
L.kenny.		Jas. Elder	
		Matt. Elder	
Andw. Alexander	Wm. Patten	Alexr. Martin	
Joseph Love		Jas. Brown	
Francis Dill		John Glascow	
Clogher.			
Wm. Moorhead			
Andw. Millar			
Joseph Denham			
Wm. Johnston			
Jas. Davison			

Mr Cuming having moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, the following Brethren were named, viz. Revd Messrs John Davys, Wm Moore, Hugh Hamill, Dr Young, John Bankhead, Dr Little, Andw Craig, Wm Hamilton, Joseph Love, Andw Millar, & Robert Thomson. The Roll was called & Mr Millar chosen. Mr Dickson continued Clerk. Modr chosen

Clerk continued

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, and to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning of their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, & Gen. Synods fixed Comtee. An account of such ministers as have died, been Ordained or Installed; And of such Candidates as have been Licensed or entered on Tryals since last Gen. Synod. An Account of Annuitants on the Fund: Of any that have died, & of the time when such did Die. Order to Presbs

The following members were returned by the several Presbyteries as a Committee to inspect the accounts of our Agent, viz. Revd Messrs Whiteside, McCay, Livingston, Hamill, Brooks, Thomson, J. Thomson, Hanna, Taggart, Dr McDowel, Hamilton, Love, Denham, Brown, & Neilson. They are to meet in the Vestry Room to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Any member may attend to give, or receive Information, but not to vote. Comtee of Accts

Ordered, that said Comtee do report to the first Interloqr the Amount of the Capital of the Widows fund, with the annual Interest arising from the same. The number of Contributers to the fund, & the sum by them contributed during the last year. Also the number of Annuitants on the fund, & the sum due & payable to them, from 1st Janry, 1798, till 1st January, 1799. Order to said Comtee

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

2d Session Wednesday Morning, 10 o'clock, after Prayer.

Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their members for the several Comtees, also the following Reports.

Dead

Armagh Presb. report, That the Revd Boyle Moody, who was not a Contributer to the widows fund, died on the 5th of Febry last. And that they have on the fund Mrs Moody, Mrs Ferguson, Mrs Sloan, Mrs Jackson, & Mrs Bryson.

Clogher Presb. have on the fund Mrs Mulligan.

T.Patrick Presb. report, That they have on the fund Mrs Dunbar, Mrs White, Mrs Cowan, & Mrs Gibson.

3 to America

Bangor Presb. report, That Messrs Jas Hull, John Miles & David Warden, lately Licentiates of their Presbytery, having been charged with being concerned in the Insurrection of June 1798 & not having stood their Tryals, but as they understand having sailed for America, are not to be considered as Probationers under their care. They farther Report, That the Revd Dr Wm Steel Dickson, hath been from the beginning of June 1798, a State Prisoner, & is now such at Fort George, in the Highlands of Scotland. They also report, that they ordained the Revd Josiah Ker, at Ballee on the 18th of March last, who is a Contributer to the widows fund, & Mr John Arnold at Donnaghadee on the 11th Inst, who wishes to become a Contributer to the widows fund, but in his case requests the advice of the Synod. That they installed the Revd Robt Acheson as minister of Donegal Street Congon of Belfast on the 20th Inst. That they have on the fund Mrs Warnick, Mrs Hull, Mrs Jackson, Senr, Mrs Jackson, Junr, Mrs Bryson, Mrs Dobbin, Mrs Patterson, & Mrs Porter. And that Mrs Smyth died on the 18th Inst.

One in confinement

Two Ordained

Installed

Widow dead

2 on 2d Tryals

2 Licensed

Widow dead

L.kenny Presb. report, That they have entered on second Tryals Messrs Houston & Dill. That they have licensed Messrs Culbertson & Monteith. That they have on the fund the families of Messrs Marshal & Holmes. And that Mrs Gordon died early in last Spring.

Strabane Presb. report, That the Revd Dr Crawford demitted the Pastoral Care of the Congon of Strabane in the latter end of Octr last, & has been succeeded by the Revd Wm Dunlop, who was Installed in that Congon on the 10th of Novr following. That Mr Dunlop has been succeeded in the Congon of Badoney by the Revd Charles Hemphill who was ordained there on 21st of Febry last, & who is a Contributer to the widows fund. That they have on Second Tryals Mr Wm Porter, & on the fund Mrs Torbet, & Mrs Coulter.

Installed

Ordained

Dead

Resigned

3 Licensed

Monaghan Presb. report, That the Revd Joseph Lawson died on 7th of Febry last, leaving a widow & child. That Mr Osborne resigned the Pastoral Care of the Congon of Corboy in May last. That they have licensed Messrs Read, White & Gibson according to Synodical Regulations. Have on Second Tryals Mr Morrell. And on the fund Mrs Algeo, Mrs Warnock, Mrs Fleming, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Sprat, & Mrs Lawson.

Tyrone Presb. report, That Mr McClelland died on 28th of Aug. last, leaving a family. That they ordained Mr Robert Stewart, as an Assistant to the Revd Wm Kennedy, in the Congon of Carland, on 9th of Octr last, and also ordained Mr Alexr Carson in the Congon of Tobermore on the 11th of Decr last. That they subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith. That Mr Carson is a Contributer to the widows fund; and Mr Stewart consented to become a Contributer, on such Terms as the Synod requires from Ministers in his situation. That they have licensed Messrs John Hoey & Thos Grier, who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith. That they have on the fund Mrs Peebles, Mrs Duffin, Mrs Todd, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Whiteside, & families of Messrs Murray and McClelland. And that Mr Charles Wallace, being charged with Treason & Sedition, got leave to transport himself to America, & is not now under the care of the Presbytery.

Dead
2 Ordained
2 Licensed
One to America

B.mena Presb. report, That they have on the fund Mrs Brown, Mrs Rankin, & Mrs Lindsay.

Route Presb. report, That the Revd Robt Henry resigned the Pastoral Charge of his Congon on 28th of Octr last, from age, & bodily Infirmity. That the Revd Dr Marshal died on 10th April last. And that Mr Smyth (they believe) is confined in Belfast on Charges of a Treasonable nature. They have on the fund Mrs Gasten, Mrs Smylie (they believe) as the last accounts they had of her she lived in the Isle of Man, Mrs Elder, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs McMullan, Mrs Simson, family of Mr Douglas, & Mrs Davis, if alive, now residing in America.

Resigned
Dead
In Confinement

Dublin Presb. have on the fund Mrs Caldwell & Mrs Rogers.

Belfast Presb. report, That the Revd Thos L. Birch & the Revd Jas Simson, being charged with Seditious Practices, were permitted by Government to leave the Kingdom. That the Presb. declared the Congon of Saintfield vacant on 6th of Novr last 1798, and the Congon of N.T.Ards on 23d May 1799. That Mr Archibald Warrick, a Probationer under the Care of the Presbytery, having been found guilty of Treason by a Military Tribunal was executed at Kirkcubbin in the month of Octr 1798. That they ordained Mr Saml Watson in Killinchy in Septr 1797 who is a Contributer to the widows fund. And that they have on the fund Mrs Kinkead, Mrs Kennedy, Mrs McEwen, Mrs Rowan, & family of Mr Laird.

Two to America
Executed
Ordained

Derry Presb. report, That they have licensed Mr Wilson according to Synodical Regulations. That the Revd Mr Kyle demitted the Pastoral Care of Coleraine from bodily Infirmity. That Mr Matt. Culbert was ordained in that Congon on the 4th Inst, who is a Contributer to the widows fund. That on same day Mr Osborne was Installed in the Congon of Screegan. And that they have on the fund Mrs Hare, Mrs Walker, Senr, Mrs Walker, Junr, & Mrs Patten.

Licensed
Resigned
Ordained
Installed

Dromore Presb. report, That they have on the fund Mrs Neilson, Mrs Strong & Mrs McCombe.

Gen. Synods fixed Comt^{ees} for 1799.

Presbs.	Minrs.
Armagh,	Messrs Shaw & Bankhead
T.Patrick,	,, Bankhead & Thomson
Bangor,	,, Craig & Taggart
L.kenny,	,, Taylor & Ramsay
Clogher,	,, Johnston & Davison
Strabane,	,, Dunlop & Anderson
Monaghan,	,, Trimble & Whiteside
Tyrone,	,, Stitt & Moore
B.mena,	,, Dr Henry & Hamilton
Route,	,, Matt. Elder & Martin
Dublin,	,, D^{r} McDowel & Horner
Belfast,	,, Hanna & Whitla
Derry,	,, Dr Young & Black
Dromore,	,, Birch & J. Thomson.

These with an Elder from each Presbytery, & our Moderator & Clerk, are to meet at Lurgan when called by the Mod^{r}, on any Emergency, fifteen to be a Quorum, whereof Twelve at least are to be Ministers.

Order to the Presbs. of B.mena & Belfast

Upon reading the minute of last year respecting the non-attendance of the Presbyteries of B.mena, Belfast, & Dublin, at last meeting and their neglecting to make the necessary Returns; it was moved & unanimously agreed to, That the Apology offered on the subject by the Presb. of Dublin through D^{r} McDowel is satisfactory. But in consequence of the Inattention with which the Presbyteries of B.mena, & Belfast, have treated the Injunction of the Synod above alluded to; & the Disrespect they have shewn to its Authority; it was moved & ordered accordingly, That the several members of said Presbyteries absent from the last & present meeting, do attend next meeting of Synod, to account for their Conduct.

The several Committees are ordered to meet immediately.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till 1 o'clock.

3d Session Wednesday 1 o'clock, after Prayer.

After the Address to the King & the Lord Lieutenant, agreed to at las Synod, had been read, Mr Cuming the late Moderator reported That He, Mr Black, & Mr Vance had, in obedience to the order of Synod, proceeded to Dublin, & had presented the Addresses, to his Excellency who received them very Graciously. Mr Cuming also produced the Lord Lieutenant's Answer, which being read, was ordered to be inserted in the minutes & is as follows. Report of Mr Cuming

Gentlemen,

I receive with pleasure your Loyal Address and beg you will accept my Cordial Thanks for the favourable Interpretation you give to my Endeavours for restoring this Kingdom to Tranquillity. Answer to our Address

I am sensible that when the Publick safety has formerly been menaced either by Domestic Traytors or foreign Invaders, no Description of his Majesty's Subjects were more active in all the Duties of Allegiance than the Protestant Dissenters of the Province of Ulster.

To find this Disposition so cordial on the Present Occasion affords me Sincere Satisfaction; And your avowing your Principles at the moment when the Hopes of the Disaffected were revived by the actual landing of the enemy, could not fail to have had a Beneficial Influence on the Community.

I shall have particular Pleasure in transmitting your Loyal and Dutiful Address to our Sovereign.

Mr Black, having also communicated the manner of procuring & circulating, printed Copies of the Address to the People, It was unanimously the Opinion of this Synod, that He & his fellow-Commissioners, have faithfully executed every part of the Trust committed to them.

The following Overture was unanimously agreed to by the Synod. Overture

That each Presbytery be enjoined to give in their Returns to the Clerk in his Seat, on the evening of the first day of the Synods meeting; And that the several Committees meet at 7 o'clock the next morning to prepare Business for the Synod after Breakfast; And that to facilitate the accomplishment of this Overture it be ordered that Divine Service shall in future begin at 4 o'clock.

Moved and unanimously agreed to, That next meeting of Synod shall be held at Lurgan, on the last Tuesday in June 1800. Divine Service to begin at 4 o'clock afternoon. Next Synod at Lurgan

A Memorial & Supplication were presented to the Synod from the Congon of Ballindrait, Praying that the Revd Mr Houston, who had regularly received a Call from them might be ordained their minister, with all convenient speed. Ballindrait

A Counter Supplication was also presented from a part of the Congon of Ballindrait, praying That Mr Houstons Call might be superseded, & a new Poll granted to them.

The Synod after hearing all Parties at considerable length & investigating every Circumstance in the Business with Patience & Impartiality cannot but highly disapprove of the Conduct of the Presbytery of L.kenny in not having proceeded to Ordain Mr Houston in due Course. And the Synod doth hereby particularly enjoin the Presbytery to ordain Mr Houston on this day fortnight, Mr Dill to preach, and Mr Holmes to Ordain & give the Charge. Mr Taylor to preach in Ballindrait on the Lords day preceding the Ordination.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

4th Session Thursday Morning 8 o'clock, after Prayer.

Donoughmore

A long Memorial & Supplication from the Congon of Donoughmore was presented, praying that this Synod may Order the Ordination of Revd Saml Dill to be forwarded among them with all convenient Dispatch; and that for this purpose they may be disannexed from the Presb. of L.kenny & put under the Care of the Presbytery of Derry.

A Supplication was also presented from a former minority of the Congon of Donoughmore, cordially concurring in the same Requests.

After deliberating on this affair at some length, it was resolved, That a Committee of Synod consisting of Dr Young, Mr Cuningham & Mr Henderson shall ordain Mr Dill in Donoughmore on Tuesday fortnight, Mr Cuningham to preach, & Dr Young to ordain & give the charge. The Presb. of L.kenny are enjoined to attend.

Ballybay

A Supplication from a part of the Congon of Ballybay was presented to the Synod praying that another Poll might be taken respecting Mr Morrell.

After hearing the Commissioner & the Presbytery of Monaghan at some length, it was resolved to dismiss the affair.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

5th Session Thursday, 10 o'clock after Prayer.

Keady

The Committee of Synod appointed to take the Poll of the Congon of Keady in Septr last & to Install Mr McIlree if they should see cause, reported, That there was not a Synodical Majority in his favour.

The Conduct of the Comtee considered & approved.

A Supplication from that part of the Congon of Keady called the Minority was presented to the Synod, praying, That they would for ever disannex Mr McIlree from that Congregation.

Two Supplications from the majority of the Congon of Keady were also presented, praying that the Synod would disannex them from the Presb. of Tyrone, & annex them to the Presb. of Monaghan; and that they would order the Installation of Mr McIlree among them with all convenient Expedition.

After the Synod had heard the Commissioners, & Mr McIlree at great length, and taken the affair into their most mature and serious Deliberation the Question was put, "Is it expedient to Install Mr McIlree in the Congon of Keady or not?" The Roll was called & it carried, "Not."

It was then resolved that the Congon should for one year be put under the immediate care of the Synod, & that the Moderator with the assistance of Messrs Davys, Cuming, & Jackson, do execute that charge.

It was farther resolved, That Mr McIlree, at his own request, should be disannexed from the Presb. of Tyrone & put under the Care of the Presbytery of Monaghan. Mr McIlree annexed to the Presb of Monaghan

The Committee asked the Synod, "whether they should be at Liberty, to send Mr McIlree, as a Supplier to Keady?"—Upon the Roll being called it carried, That they should be at Liberty.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

6th Session Friday Morning 7 o'clock, after Prayer.

The Several Presbyteries having made their Reports according to the Injunction of last meeting, this Synod has the Satisfaction of finding, That the General Conduct of its members, & Probationers, has been conformable to Order & good Government, in the late afflicting Circumstances of the Country. It appears, that of the comparatively small number, who have been implicated, in Treasonable or Seditious Practices, Two only, one a Minister, and the other a Probationer, have been executed.—Two are still in Confinement. Some have expressed their Sincere Contrition; Others are no longer connected with the Synod. And the remainder have either Voluntarily, or by permission of Government removed from the Kingdom. Minute on the Report of the Several Presbs.

On the whole of this melancholy & most painful subject, while the Synod reflects with sorrow, on the Scandal brought upon its Reputation, by the Indiscretion & missconduct, of a few misguided and unworthy Individuals; It feels Confident in declaring that there is no ground for suspecting its Loyalty, as a Body; and it strongly enjoins every Member, and Licentiate, to observe such peaceable Conduct, & Discreet Conversation, as becometh their Profession, and by an unremitting application to the proper Duties of their Ministerial Calling to recommend themselves as Blameless, in the sight of God, & the world.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

Interloqr Friday, 10 o'clock.

A Letter from the Trustees of the Widows fund to the Moderator was read. In consequence of that Letter Dr McDowel is authorised & appointed in conjunction with the other Trustees to open the Iron Order to Dr McDowel

Chest lodged in Finlays Bank, to examine the Securities therein deposited; to collect the other Securities; and deposit all in a secure place. The Doctor is ordered to report to the Interloq^{r} at its next meeting the number of the Securities, the names of the Trustees to whom these Securities have been respectively made, and the names of such Trustees as have declared their Trust.

Mr Cochran & Mr Cuming were appointed to answer the letter of the Trustees.

Report of Comt^{ee} of Accounts

The Committee appointed to Inspect the Accounts of our Agent, report, That they have examined the Accounts of the R.D. to the Decr Quarter 1798, inclusive, & also those of the Widows fund, down to the 1st Inst, and that they appear to the Comt^{ee} perfectly correct & satisfactory.

SAML. LIVINGSTON, Ch.man.

Capital of the Widows fund 1st June 1799...	£13844 : 6 : 5
Interest from the same for one year till that date	£734 : 18 : 0
Number of Contributers 29th Sept^{r}, 1798—177.	
Sum contributed by them for one year till that date	£540 : 19 : 11
Number of Annuitants 1st Jan^{ry}, 1799—70.	
Amount of Annuities due & Payable to them at that date	£1018 : 8 : 4

Order to Mr Black

It was unanimously agreed that the sum of £544 : 6 : 5 now in the hands of Mr Black shall be laid out by him in purchasing Government Debentures in the 5 ℘ Cents, if he can procure them at or under £85 ℘ Cent.—provided he cannot purchase on these terms, he is directed to lend the said sum at £6 ℘ Cent. on such private Securities as He & the Trustees shall think sufficient.

Annuity £16

It was moved & agreed to, That the annuity to be paid to each widow this year shall be Sixteen pounds.

Notice of a motion

Mr James Bankhead gave notice, that at the Interloq^{r} next year he will move an amendment to the Regulation respecting the manner of appropriating the Royal Bounty.

Notice of a motion

Mr Thos Cuming also gave notice, that He will next year move, That if any Contributer to the widows fund shall die by Suicide, Duelling, or the hand of publick Justice, his widow or Family shall not be considered as entitled to any advantage arising from the said fund.

M^{r} McIlree

A Letter from M^{r} McIlree was read, Praying, That the R.D. which has been withholden from him in some time past, may be granted to him.

It was agreed that any Determination on M^{r} McIlree's request be postponed, till next meeting of Synod. It is understood at the same time that M^{r} McIlree has no claim of Right upon the Synod.

Ordered, That our Agent do discontinue the Payment of R.D. to Mr Douglass of Carnculloch. Mr Douglas

Ordered, That our Agent do pay 40 shillings to the Revd Samuel Watson, a member of the Presb. of Belfast, out of the R.D. of the members of said Presbytery. Mr Watson

Mr Black having asked the Opinion of the Interloqr respecting the Payment of R.D. to the two members of our Body, now in Confinement, after reasoning on the Subject at some length the Question was put, "Suspend payment for the present or not?" The Roll was called & it carried "Suspend." Advice respecting payment of R.D. to members in Confinement

The Letter to the Trustees of the Widows fund was read, approved, & ordered to be subscribed by the Moderator.

The Moderator concluded the Synod with Prayer.

Inserted 8th October, 1799, by

ROBERT DICKSON,

Clerk of General Synod.

A General Synod at Lurgan, 24 June, 1800.

Mr Millar the Moderator of the former Synod opened this, by preaching from Heb: IX. 26. then constituted it by Prayer, after which the following members from the several Presbyteries were present, viz:—

Minrs.	Elders.
Tyrone Presb.	
Moses Hogg	Robt. Hogg
Jas. Whiteside	John Whiteside
Wm. Moore	Robt. Simson
Hugh Boylan	Robt. Irvine
Thos. McCay	
Jas. Adams	
John Davison	
Wm. Read	Jas. Matthews
Robt. Stewart	John McKeon
Armagh	
Saml. Livingston	
Robert Dickson	
Thos. Cuming	Geo. Burns
Nath. Shaw	Wm. Kyle
Jas. Bankhead	Wm. Herron
Wm. Neilson	
Strabane	
None present	
Derry	
Dr. Young	
Robert Black	
Matt. Culbert	
T.patrick	
John Bankhead	
John Savage	
Robert Orr	
Robert Thomson	
Robert Campbell	
Nath. Alexander	Archd. Hunter
Dromore	
Isaac Patrick	
Robt. McClure	Robt. Elliot
Saml. Barber	John Stranachan
Jas. Birch	Jas. Sprot
John Thomson	
Dr. Little	Thos. Osborne
John Sherrard	Hen. Dickson

Minrs.	Elders.
Dromore—continued.	
Wm. Magee	Jas. Boyd
Jas. Waddell	
John McClelland	
John McCance	
Alexr. Patterson	Mark Searight
Joseph Jackson	Alexr. Donaldson
Belfast.	
Saml. Patten	
Alexr. Henry	
Andw. Grier	
Sinclare Kelburn	
Jos. Harrison	Wm. Steel
Wm. Whitla	Saml. Smyth
Saml. Hanna	
Saml. Watson	
Hen. Simson	
Jas. McCullogh	Hugh Warnock
Bangor	
Robert Porter	
Andw. Craig	
Jas. Sinclair	
Robt. Acheson	
Jno. C. Wightman	Hamilton Dobbin
Josiah Ker	
John Arnold	
John Watson	
Wm. Moreland	Alexr. McDonald
Dublin	
Wm. Wilson	
Ballymena	
Jas. Cuming	
Robt. Christy	
Alexr. Montgomery	Jas. Kirk
Henry Henry	
Wm. Hamilton	

Letterkenny

Hugh Delap
Francis Dill
Saml. Dill

Clogher

Andw. Millar
Wm. Johnston
Chr. Josias Gamble

Root

Robert Thomson
Jas. Elder
Jas. Brown
John Glasco

Monaghan

Thos. Stewart
John Davys
Matt. Trimble
Robt. Montgomery
John McCurdy
Jas. Whiteside
Jas. Gouday
Jas. Morell

Mr Millar having moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, the following Brethren were named, viz. Revd Messrs Moses Hogg, Dr Young, John Bankhead, Wm Magee, Saml Hanna, Robt Porter, Robert Christy, Hugh Delap, Wm Johnston, John Davys & John Glasco. The Roll was called and Mr Bankhead chosen.

Mr Dickson continued Clerk.

In Conformity to a Resolution of last Synod, the several Presbyteries now gave in their Returns to the Clerk, of their members for the several Committees. They reported the names of such ministers as have died, been ordained, or Installed, and of such Candidates as have been licensed, or entered on Tryals since last general Synod. They gave an account of the annuitants on the fund; of those that have died; and of the time when such did die.

Their Reports are as follow—

Root Presb. report, that the Revd Joseph Douglas died on the 14th of Decr last & the Revd John Cameron, on the 31st. That they have licensed Mr John Kelso, who subscribed the W. C. of Faith. Have on first Tryals, Messrs Kennedy & Sims. And on the fund Mrs Gaston, Mrs Elder, Mrs Smylie in the Isle of Man, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Davis in America, Mrs M'Mullan, Mrs Simson, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Cameron, & family of Mr Douglas. 2 Dead Licensed

Derry Presb. report, that they ordained Mr Hamilton in the united Congons of Faughan & Buncrana, on 3d of Septr last who is a Contributer to the widows fund. That they have licensed Messrs Allison & Cowan. Have entered on first Tryals Mr Marshal; on second Tryals, Mr Allison. That Mr Patten died on 30th June 1799, leaving a family, and Mrs Hare on 25 Decr last—and that they have on the fund Mrs Walker, Senr & Junr, Mrs Patten, & family of Mr Samuel Patten. Ordained Two licensed Dead Dead

Clogher Presb. report, that they ordained Mr Christopher Josias Gamble at Enniskillen on 24th Decr last who is a Contributer to the widows fund. And that they have on the fund Mrs Mulligan. Ordained

Dead

Dromore Presb. report, that the Revd Moses Thomson died on 21st March last, leaving a widow & child. And that they have on the fund Mrs Neilson, Mrs Strong, M^{rs} McCombe, & Mrs Thomson.

Tyrone Presb. report, that they have on first Tryals Messrs Boyle & Caldwell. And on the fund Mrs Peebles, Mrs Duffin, Mrs Todd, Mrs Smyth, & families of Messrs Murray, M'Clelland, & Whiteside.

Ordained

Bangor Presb. report, That the Cong^{on} of Portaferry was declared vacant on 28 Novr last. That they ordained Mr John Watson at Grayabby on 3^{d} Septr last, who is a Contributer to the widows fund. That they have licensed Mr Moreland & ordained him in Portaferry on 6th June Inst. who is also a Contributer to the widows fund. And that they have on the fund Mrs Warnick, Mrs Jackson, Senr & Junr, Mrs Hull, Mrs Bryson, Mrs Dobbin, Mrs Patterson & Mrs Porter.

Ordained

Ordained

Installed

Two dead

Monaghan Presb. report, that they ordained the Revd Ja^{s} Morell in the Cong^{on} of Ballybay on 6th Aug, last, who is a Contributer to the widows fund. Have Installed Mr Denham in the Cong^{on} of Croghan in Septr last. Have on the fund Mrs Warnock, Mrs Fleming, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Sprat. That Mrs Algeo, died on 17th Novr last, and Mrs Lawson in March last.

Dublin Presb. report, That Mrs Rogers lives in Dublin, and that they believe Mrs Caldwell is still alive, but resides near Strabane.

B.mena Presb. report, that the Rev. Benj^{in} Mitchel from the Presb. of Root passed second Tryals with them, but returned to the Presb. of Root, in consequence of a Call from Ballymoney, a Cong^{on} under the Care of that Presbytery. They have on the fund Mrs Brown, Mrs Rankin, & Mrs Lindsay.

Resigned

Ordained

Installed

Ordained

Belfast Presb. report, That on first Tuesday of Novr 1799 the Revd Sinclare Kelburn resigned the Pastoral Charge of the 3^{d} Cong^{on} of Belfast, on account of the precarious state of his health & bodily Infirmity. That the Revd Henry Simson was ordained in Saintfield on 10th Decr 1799, having subscribed the W. C. of Faith & being a Contributer to the widows fund. That on 11th of Decr 1799 the Revd Saml Hanna was Installed in the 3^{d} Cong^{on} of Belfast. That on 20th May last the Rev^{d} Ja^{s} McCullogh was ordained in the Second Cong^{on} of N.T. Ards, having subscribed the W. C. of Faith & being a Contributer to the widows fund. That they have entered on first Tryals Mr Alex^{r} Gouday;—and have on the fund Mrs Kinkead, Mrs Kennedy, M^{rs} McEwen & Mrs Rowan.

Two ordained

Letterkenny Presb. report, that Mr Ja^{s} Houston was ordained in the Cong^{on} of Ballindrait on 10th July 1799, And Mr Saml Dill in the Cong^{on} of Donnaghmore on 16th of July 1799, both Contributers to the widows fund. And that they have on the fund Mrs Delap, & families of Messrs Marshal & Holmes.

Ordained

T.Patrick Presb. report, That they ordained the Revd Nath. Alexander at Crumlin on 3^{d} Septr last, who is a Contributer to the widows fund. And that they have on the fund Mrs Dunbar, Mrs White, Mrs Cowan, & Mrs Gibson.

Armagh Presb. report, That they have on first Tryals Mr Chambers, on Second Tryals, Mr Thom; That Mrs Moody died on 14th Octr 1799, & Mrs Jackson on 31st Janry 1800. And that they have on the fund Mrs Ferguson, Mrs Sloan, Mrs Bryson, & family of Mr Jackson. Two Wds Dead

Gen. Synods fixed Comtee for 1800.

Presbs.		Minrs.
Root,	Messrs	Rentoul & Fullerton
Derry,	,,	Dr Young & Hen. Elder
Clogher,	,,	Johnston & Davison
Dromore,	,,	Thomson & Sherrard
Tyrone,	,,	Moore & Read
Monaghan,	,,	Trimble & Whiteside
Bangor,	,,	Caldwell & Ker
Dublin,	,,	Wilson & Moore
B.mena,	,,	Thos & Hen. Henry
T.patrick,	,,	Thomson & N. Alexander
Belfast,	,,	Whitla & Watson
L.kenny,	,,	Holmes & F. Dill
Armagh,	,,	Cuming & Shaw
Strabane,		

These with an Elder from each Presbytery & our Moderator & Clerk are to meet at Lurgan when called by the Moderator on any Emergency, fifteen to be a Quorum, whereof Twelve at least are to be ministers.

Ordered, that the Comtee of Accounts do report to the first Interloqr the amount of the Capital of the widows fund, with the Annual Interest arising from the same. The Number of Contributers to the fund, & the sum by them contributed during the last year. Also the number of Annuitants on the fund, & the sum due & payable to them from 1st Janry 1799 to 1st Janry 1800.

The several Committees are ordered to meet to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

2d Session Wednesday Morning 11 o'clock after Prayer.

Order respecting non-attendants at Synods

When the minute of last year was read repecting the non-attendance of several members of the Presbyteries of Ballymena & Belfast, some appeared & apologized for their former absence, whose Apologies were sustained. It is now ordered, that the Moderators of these Presbyteries, & others who are not in the Habit of attending our meetings shall write to such members as have not attended this meeting nor sent any apology, informing them, That if they do not in future pay greater Regard to the Injunctions of the Synod it will be under the necessity of adopting some measures which will be extremely disagreeable to them.

Overture repealed

It was moved that the Overture of last year, respecting the time of making Returns to the Clerk; of the meeting of the Committees; and of the commencement of Divine Service be Repealed. The Roll being called upon the Question, it passed in the affirmative.

Moved & unanimously agreed to, That next meeting of Synod shall be held at Lurgan on the last Tuesday of June 1801. Divine Service to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

The Committee for supplying & taking charge of the Congregation of Keady, having made their Report, it was moved & unanimously agreed to, that the Conduct of the Committee be approved.

Ballymoney

A Memorial was presented to the Synod, from the Cong^on of Ballymoney, praying to be disannexed from the Presb. of Root & put under the Care of the Presb. of Ballymena. Thls memorial was accompanied with some severe Charges and Insinuations against the Presb. of Root on account of the treatment which that Cong^on had received from the Presbytery in the affair of the Revd Benjn Mitchel's being a Candidate for becoming the Stated Pastor of the Congregation.

After considerable Deliberation on this subject, it was moved, That the Prayer of the Memoralists be granted. The Roll was called on the Question, Disannex or not, & it carried "Disannex."

It was then moved & seconded, That by this vote it is not intended to attach Censure to the Presb. of Root in this Business. Upon this the previous Question was moved, viz. "Put this Question or not?" The Roll was called and it carried, "Put." The Original Question was then put & carried by a great majority.

Comtee of Synod to meet at Magherafelt

It was next moved, that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the Conduct of the Revd Benjn Mitchel, a Probationer belonging to this Body. On this motion the Roll was called & it carried "Appoint" by a large majority. The following Brethren were appointed a Comt^ee for this purpose, viz. Revd Messrs Moore & Bryson from Tyrone Presb.; Orr & Thomson from Templepatrick; Dunlop & Hamil from Strabane; & Elder & Osborne from Derry, with their Elders. Seven to be a Quorum of whom five must be ministers, Mr Moore to preach. They are to meet at Magherafelt on Tuesday 29th July; are impowered to adjourn; To send for Persons, & Papers; and to grant Credentials to Mr Mitchel should they see cause. The Presb. of Root are enjoined

to attend and give light to the Committee, and also Mr Kelso a Probationer under the Care of this Synod.

It was also unanimously resolved that the Congon of Ballymoney be put under the Care of the Presbytery of Ballymena.

3d Session Thursday Morning 10 o'clock, after Prayer.

Two papers were presented from different Parties of the Congon of Lisluney, the one praying that the Synod may order the Presb. of Monaghan to expedite the ordination of the Revd Jas Riddell in that Congon; The other praying that he may be laid aside, and that the Presb. may be ordered to grant them a hearing of other young men. The Presb. of Monaghan also presented a Request that the Synod would issue the Business as to them might seem right. Lisluney

It was moved, & unanimously resolved, that these several applications be dismissed.

A Supplication was presented from that part of the Congon of Keady called the minority praying that Mr McIlree may for ever be disannexed from the Congon; and a Counter Supplication was presented from that part of it called the majority, praying that Mr McIlree's settlement among them may be expedited. Keady

It was moved & unanimously resolved that Mr McIlree be Installed at Keady, by the Presb. of Monaghan as soon as that Presb. may find it convenient, and that the Congon shall henceforward be under the Care of that Presbytery.

The Presb. of Monaghan are enjoined to take Care that all accounts with the Probationers of Tyrone Presb. & with Mr McAlister, be paid by the Congon of Keady, before the Installation of Mr McIlree shall take place.

A letter from Mr McIlree was read, stating an unsettled account between him & the Congon of Vinecash, & praying that the Synod may order the Presb. of Tyrone to have him paid. Mr McIlree

The Congon of Vinecash are enjoined to settle their accounts with Mr McIlree, before the Presb. of Tyrone at first meeting of that Presbytery. Vinecash

It was Overtured & unanimously agreed to, that the following Address be transmitted to his Majesty, congratulating his Majesty on his late Providential Escape from Assassination; and that said Address be accompanied with one to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, praying him to transmit the same to his Majesty. Overture agreed to

TO THE KINGS MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE MINISTERS & ELDERS OF THE GEN. SYNOD OF ULSTER, ASSEMBLED AT LURGAN ON THE 24TH DAY OF JUNE 1800.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We your Majestys Dutiful & Loyal Subjects, the Ministers & Elders of the Gen. Synod of Ulster gladly embrace the Address to the King

opportunity afforded us, by our stated annual meeting of expressing to your Majesty our unfeigned sense of the Blessings we enjoy under your Just & Mild Government.

Your Majestys life is deservedly dear to all your Subjects. With its preservation are closely connected the Existence of Regulated Government, the Cause of true Liberty, & the dearest Interests of our common Faith, of the practical Influence of which your Majesty has exhibited in your own Conduct so correct an example. It is therefore with the most lively sentiments of Gratitude to the Giver & Preserver Life of that we mix our sincere & Heartfelt Congratulations, with those of all your Majesty's faithful Subjects, on your recent Providential Escape from an atrocious attempt upon your Sacred Person.

The Danger to which your Majesty has been exposed heightens our sense of the Blessings which we have enjoyed under your Auspicious Reign, increases our Attachment to your Person, and redoubles our Anxiety for your Safety.

That the Almighty Being to whom belong the Issues of Life & Death, Who in the Moment of Danger shielded your Majesty from the Assassins arm, may continue to watch over, & long preserve your Invaluable Life is our sincere, & earnest Prayer.

Signed in our name & by our appointment

JOHN BANKHEAD, Mod^r.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY CHARLES MARQUIS CORNWALLIS LD. LIEUTENANT GENERAL, & GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

May it please your Excellency,

Address to the Lord Lieutenant

We his Majesty's most Dutiful & Loyal Subjects the Presbyterian Ministers & Elders of the Gen. Synod of Ulster entreat your Excellency to lay before our Gracious Sovereign the Humble & Dutiful Address which we herewith transmit. We embrace with pleasure this opportunity of repeating to your Excellency our high Esteem of the Wisdom, Moderation, & Humanity, which have distinguished your Excellencys Administration, and we humbly hope that your Excellency will represent us as Dutiful & Loyal Subjects, warmly & firmly attached to his Majesty's Person & Government.

Signed in our name & by our Appointment

JOHN BANKHEAD, Mod^r.

Statement of Mr Black to the Comtee of Overtures

Mr Black having stated to the Comt^ee of Overtures that he had waited by desire on Lord Castlereagh, Secretary to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, when he was informed by his Lordship that it was the Intention of his Majesty's Ministers to make a Provision for the

Dissenting Clergy, on Terms different from those, on which the present R.D. was paid to them; and that his Lordship had expressed a desire that the Synod would appoint one or more of their number to confer with Government on this Subject—and Mr Black having farther stated to the Comtee that as an Individual he was honoured with much Conversation, relative to the General Concerns of the Synod & found the Dispositions of Government, in his Judgment, Liberal, Conciliatory, & Satisfactory.

Commissrs appointed to communicate with Government

In Consequence of this Information the Synod resolved, that three of their members be appointed Commissioners to communicate with Government on this Subject; and Mr Black, our Moderator, and Dr Little were accordingly chosen & appointed for this purpose.

It was also Overtured & agreed to, that the several Presbs. under the Care of the Synod, be enjoined to furnish, our Commissioners, (immediately after their next stated meetings respectively) with correct Lists of the number of Families & Stipend paid by each Congon within their Bounds, authenticated by the signature of the Moderator of the different Presbyteries.

Supplies allowed to the Minority of the Congon of Keady

A supplication was presented from the Commissrs of the minority of the Congon of Keady, praying that the Synod would take their unhappy state, & the state of their Constituents into its serious consideration as they could not be profited by Mr McIlree's ministry and that therefore the Presb. of Tyrone might be permitted & authorised to grant them supplies, until next meeting of Synod.

It was moved & carried upon the Roll being called, That the Prayer of said supplication be granted.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till 7 o'clock.

1st Interloqr Thursday Evening, 7 o'clock.

Report of Dr McDowel

Upon reading the minute of the Interloqr of last year relative to the Instructions given to Dr McDowel, for having the Iron Chest lodged in Finlays Bank opened, &c., a letter from the Doctor was read stating that the wishes of the Synod, had in many Instances been complied with, but from unavoidable circumstances not entirely fulfilled.

The letter was considered satisfactory, and this Interloqr entertain a high sense of his attention, and renew their Instructions of last year, till the Objects of them be compleated.

The Report of the Comtee of Accounts.

Capital of the Widows fund 1st June 1800 ..	£13911 : 00 : 9
Interest arising from the same for last year ..	£764 : 0 : 0
Number of Contributers for the year ending 29th Septr 1799—172.	
Sum by them contributed for one year till that date	£428 : 17 : 5
Number of Annuitants 1st January 1800—70.	
Amount of Annuities due & payable to them from 1st Janry 1799 till 1st Janry 1800 ..	£1098 : 18 : 1

The Committee have examined the Account of the R.D. from March Quarter 1799 till Decr Quarter 1799, inclusive; and also the accounts of the widows fund for one year till 1st June Inst, & find them correct, & satisfactory.

WM. WILSON, Chairman.

Lurgan 25^t June 1800.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 6 o'clock.

2^d Interloqr Friday morning 6 o'clock.

A proposed motion postponed

From the consideration of some circumstances relating to the subject & at present undetermined, Mr Bankhead begs leave to postpone the motion of which he gave notice last year, until next meeting of Synod. And in order that his Intention may be more clearly understood, he now gives notice that he will then submit a plan by which the members of this Body, resigning their Pastoral Charges, from Age & Infirmity shall be supported out of the Aggregate Sum of the R.D. and by which the Residue of the R.D. shall be appropriated in equal shares to our officiating ministers not allowing more than one share to each Cong^on.

A proposed motion withdrawn

Upon reading the minute respecting the motion of which Mr Cuming gave notice last year, Mr Cuming begged leave to state to this Interloq^r, that although the melancholly Circumstances of the times, did in his opinion fully Justify the Adoption of said motion yet as the case which gave principal rise to the notice was new, & unprecedented & as the Consideration of this Melancholy subject, must be painful to the feelings of this Interloq^r, & to his own, & as he trusts an occasion will not again recur calling for that, or any similar Regulation, he will with the consent of this Interloq^r decline making his intended motion.

A letter was received from the Trustees of the widows fund, which Mr Livingston & Mr Craig were appointed to answer.

M^r McIlree

Ordered, that our Agent do pay to M^r McIlree, a portion of the R.D. commencing from 25 Septr 1799.

40 shillings to each member attending Synods

It was moved & agreed to, that the members attending every succeeding meeting of this Synod shall each receive 40 shillings in place of 20, the sum now paid.

Messrs Livingston & Craig produced a letter in answer to that of the Trustees, which was read, approved, & ordered to be signed by the Mod^r.

The Moderator concluded the Synod with Prayer.

Inserted 23^d July 1800 by

ROBERT DICKSON, Clk. of G. Synod.

A Gen. Synod pro re nata at Lurgan, 8th Octr 1800.

The Moderator opened the Synod by preaching from Matt. 23, 8. Then constituted it by Prayer. After which the following members were present, viz. from:—

Minrs.	Elders.
Tyrone Presb.	
Moses Hogg	Robt. Hogg
Jas. Whiteside,	John Whiteside
Wm. Stitt	Wm. McClure
Wm. Moore	Wm. Ramsay
Hugh Boylan	
Thos. McCay	Hugh Wier
Jas. Adams	Thos. Seaton
Wm. Read	Robt. Peebles
Robt. Stewart	Jas. Howard
Armagh.	
Saml. Livingston	Geo. Gray
Robert Dickson	
Thos. Cuming	Thos. Prentice
Nath. Shaw	Robt. Dunbar
Wm. Charleton	Jas. Wallace
Jas. Bankhead	Wm. Herron
Wm. Neilson	Jos. Parks
John Thom	Clem. Gillespie
Strabane.	
Wm. Dunlop	David Smylie
Chas. Hemphill	
Wm. Porter	
Derry.	
John Law	
Dr. Young	Wm. Law
Robert Black	
Fran. Gray	Saml. Osborne
Hugh Brooks	Rd. Cunningham
Wm. Cunningham	
Henry Elder	John Combe
Richd. Dill	
Jos. Osborne	John Irvine
Jas. Canning	Jas. Mitchel
Matt. Culbert	
Jas. Allison	
T.patrick.	
John Wright	Adam Bole
Thos. Read	Alexr. Stewart
Wm. Montgomery	
John Bankhead	Robt. McBride
John Savage	

Minrs.	Elders.
T.patrick—continued.	
Adam Hill	
Robert Orr	David Watson
Robert Thomson	Robt. White
John Murphy	Robt. Colvill
Thos. Alexander	Jas. Patterson
Robert Campbell	
Nath. Alexander	Jas. McAulay
Dromore.	
John Smyth	
Isaac Patrick	Geo. Crawford
Robt. McClure	Hugh McAlister
Saml. Barber	Jas. Hallidy
James Birch	John Baxter
John Thomson	Geo. Smyth
Joseph Hay	
Dr. Dittle	Thos. Osborne
John Sherrard	Hen. Dickson
Fran. Turretine	Andw. Through
Wm. Magee	John Haslet
Wm. Fletcher	
John McClelland	
Jas. Waddell	
John McCance	Wm. Stitt
Jos. Jackson	Alexr. Stephenson
Belfast.	
Saml. Patten	Geo. Birch
Geo. Brydone	
Jos. Harrison	
Wm. Whitla	Jas. Fisher
Saml. Hanna	Hercules McCombe
Saml. Watson	
Jas. McCullogh	
Jas. Riddell	Saml. Abernethy
Bangor	
Jas. Caldwell	John Girvin
Robt. Porter	Jas. Young
Andw. Craig	
David Taggart	Jas Savage
Robt. Acheson	John Bankhead
John Wightman	Robt. Agnew
Josiah Ker	Jos. Carson
John Arnold	
John Watson	Wm. Read

Minrs.	Elders.
Dublin	
Wm. Wilson	
Dr. McDowel	Alexr. Gordon
Hugh Moore	
Jas. Horner	
B.mena.	
Chas. Brown	Jas. Logan
Jas. Cuming	Robt. Craig
Thos. Henry	John Risside
Hen. Henry	Robt. Mecom
Alexr. Montgomery	Jas. Kirk
Wm. Hamilton	
L.kenny.	
David Allen	John Tays
Henry Millar	
Wm. Ramsay	
Hugh Delap	
Francis Dill	Jas. Culbert
Saml. Dill	John Crawford
Clogher.	
Wm. Moorhead	Saml. King
James Ker	
Andw. Millar	Geo. Irvine
Wm. Johnston	
Jas. Davison	Thos. Coote
Josias Gamble	

Minrs.	Elders.
Root.	
Robert Thomson	
Wm. Lynd	
Hugh McClelland	
Robt. Rentoul	Saml. Livingston
Jas. Elder	
Matt. Elder	
Alexr. Martin	Jas. Hamil
Archd. Fullerton	David Mearns
James Brown	
John Glasco	
Monaghan.	
John Davys	
Matt. Trimble	John Thomson
John McCurdy	
Jos. Denham	Alexr. Barry
Jas. Whiteside	
Henry McIlree	Jas. Todd
Jas. Gouday	
Jas. Morrell	Thos. Kinnier
Antrim.	
Foot Marshal	Matt. Smyth
Dr. Bruce	Henry Joy
Jas. Neilson	

One Elder from each Cong^{on} to vote at this meeting

Upon Two Elders being returned by the Cong^{on} of Derry it was moved, that only one Elder, from any Cong^{on}, shall be allowed to vote at this meeting. Upon this the previous Question was moved, "Shall this motion be put?" The Roll was called, and it carried, "Put." The original motion was then carried by a considerable majority.

Report of Commiss^{rs}

This Synod having been called by the Moderator for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Commissioners appointed at our last meeting to communicate with Government, The said Commissioners now gave in their Reports at considerable length.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

2^{d} Session Thursday Morning, 7 o'clock, after prayer.

Commission dissolved

The Synod having heard the Reports of the Commissioners it was moved & unanimously agreed to, that the Commission be now Dissolved, & it is hereby Dissolved accordingly.

When the Synod to be called

Resolved, that when the Moderator shall receive an official Communication from Lord Castlereagh containing an Arrangement of the Plan on which Government propose to grant a farther Provision to the Clergymen of this Body; He shall again call together the Synod & lay the same before them.

A letter to be written to Lord Castlereagh

Moved & unanimously agreed to, that a letter shall be written to Lord Castlereagh, Expressive of the high Sense which we entertain of his Lordship's Attention to the Interests of this Body, and of our most anxious wish that his Lordship would exert his Influence to Obtain that any addition, which the wisdom & Liberality of Government might see fit to make to our Bounty may be granted on Terms similar to those on which we at present enjoy their favour. And that a Committee consisting of a Minister & Elder from each Presbytery, be appointed to prepare the same.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till 12 o'clock.

3d Session Thursday 12 o'clock after Prayer.

The Committee having produced a letter to the purpose above mentioned, It was read, & unanimously approved, And it was also unanimously agreed, that the Moderator & Dr Birch do present the said letter to his Lordship. The letter is as follows :—

My Lord,

The Letter & to be presented by the Moderator & Dr Birch

We the Ministers & Elders of the Gen. Synod of Ulster regularly convened for the purpose of taking into consideration the Report of our Commissioners who were appointed to communicate with your Lordship relative to the Intention of Government, of making a farther Provision for the ministers of this Body, cheerfully embrace this opportunity of conveying to your Lordship, our sincere & warm acknowledgments, for your Lordships persevering Attention to our Interests.

At the same time we beg leave to assure your Lordship that it is the anxious Desire of this Body, clearly ascertained in a meeting unusually full & particularly distinguished by the number and respectability of its Elders, that whatever addition the wisdom & Liberality of Government shall be pleased to make to the present Bounty, may be conferred on Terms similar to those on which former Grants have been enjoyed. And from your Lordships Knowledge of the Principles of Presbyterians we rely with the firmest Confidence that your Lordship will use your most active Exertions in promoting our wishes.

Signed by order

JOHN BANKHEAD, Modr.

It was moved & agreed to, that our Moderator & Dr Birch be instructed when they wait upon Lord Castlereagh to request that his Lordship will use his Influence for adopting some plan, for enabling use to raise money for the purpose of repairing our Houses of Worship.

The Moderator concluded the Synod with Prayer.

Inserted 24th October 1800 by

ROBERT DICKSON, Clerk of Gen. Synod.

A Gen. Synod at Lurgan, 30 *June* 1801.

Mr Bankhead, the Moderator of the former Synod opened this by preaching from 1 Peter 1, 2. Then constituted it by Prayer. After which appeared from the several Presbyteries the following members, viz. from :—

Minrs.	Elders.
Armagh Presb.	
Robert Dickson	
Thos. Cuming	Leond. Dobbin
Nath. Shaw	Wm. Kyle
Wm. Charleton	Wm. McAnally
Jas. Bankhead	Wm. Herron
John Thom	Isaac Wm. Glenny
Strabane.	
Wm. Dunlop	
Derry.	
Dr. Young	
Dr. Black	
Hugh Brooke	
Wm. Cunningham	
Henry Elder	
Richd. Dill	
Jas. Canning	
Matt. Culbert	
David Hamilton	
James Allison	
T.patrick.	
John Bankhead	
John Savage	
Adam Hill	
Robert Orr	
Robert Thomson	Jas. Patten
Thos. Alexander	
Robert Campbell	John Parker
Nath. Alexander	Robt. Dickey
Alexr. Montgomery	Robt. Stewart
Dromore.	
Isaac Patrick	Geo. Galbraith
Robt. McClure	Robt. Elliot
Saml. Barber	Wm. Swan
Jas. Birch	Jas. Porter
John Thomson	Thos. Brown
Joseph Hay	
Dr. Little	
John Sherrard	Jos. Chambers
Francis Turretine	

Minrs.	Elders.
Dromore—continued.	
Wm. Magee	John Hazlet
Wm. Fletcher	
Jas. Waddell	
John McClelland	
Joseph Patterson	Thos. McCartney
John McIlwaine	John Moore, Esqr.
Belfast.	
Sinclare Kelburn	
Joseph Harrison	
Wm. Whitla	Wm. Steel
Saml. Hanna	Hercules McCombe
Saml. Watson	Dr. Lowry
James McCullough	
Henry Simson	Robert Lockhart
Jas. Riddell	John Hunter
Bangor.	
James Cochran	
Andw. Craig	
James Sinclair	
David Taggart	
Robt. Acheson	John Bankhead
Josiah Ker	
John Watson	
John Arnold	
Wm. Moreland	
Hamilton Dobbin	Thos. Brown
Dublin Presb.	
No member present	
B.mena.	
James Cuming	
Thos. Henry	Jas. Moore
Henry Henry	Nath. Owens
Alexr. Montgomery	
Wm. Hamilton	Dr. Patrick
Benjn. Mitchel	Nath. Boyd
Thos. Kinnier	Andw. Read

Minrs.	Elders.
L. kenny.	
James Delap	
Hugh Delap	
Francis Dill	
James Houston	Thos. Kernachan
Saml. Dill	Victor Motherwell
Clogher.	
Andw. Millar	Chas. Stewart
Wm. Johnston	
Josias Gamble	
Root.	
James Elder	
Alexr. Martin	
Archd. Fullerton	
James Brown	
John Glasgow	
Antrim.	
Dr. Bruce	
Jas. Wonal	John Sweeny
Joseph Osborne	

Minrs.	Elders.
Monaghan.	
Thos. Stewart	
Matt. Trimble	
Robt. Montgomery	Jas. Gibson
John McCurdy	
Joseph Denham	
James Whiteside	
James Goudy	
Hen. McIlree	Saml. Kidd
James Morell	
James Wilson	
Tyrone.	
Moses Hogg	Robt. Hogg
James Whiteside	
Wm. Stitt	
Wm. Moore	
Hugh Boylan	
Thos. McCay	Hugh White
James Adams	
John Davison	
Wm. Read	Robt. Love
Robt. Stewart	Robt. Smyth

Modr chosen

Mr Bankhead having moved that another Modr be chosen to this Synod, the following Brethren were named, viz. Revd Messrs Savage, Hay, Harrison, Craig, Cuming, Jas Delap, Johnston, Brown, Stewart, & Hogg. The Roll was called & Mr Hay chosen. Mr Dickson continued Clerk.

Order to Presbs

The Several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night & to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning, of their members for the Several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, and Gen. Synods fixed Comtee. An account of such Ministers as have died, been Ordained, or Installed; and of such Candidates as have been Licensed, or entered on Tryals since last Gen. Synod. An Account of Annuitants on the fund. Of any that have died; and of the time when such did Die. Also of such women as have been wives of ministers & are not on the fund.

Comtee of Accts

The following members were returned by the several Presbyteries as a Committee to inspect the accounts of our Agent, viz. Revd Messrs Jas Bankhead, Wm Dunlop, Richd Dill, Robt Thomson, John Thomson, Joseph Harrison, David Taggart, Wm Hamilton, Hugh Delap, Wm Johnston, Jas Elder, James Goudy, & Wm Moore. They are to meet in the Vestry Room to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Any Member may attend to give, or receive Information, but not to vote.

Order to said Comtee

Ordered, That said Comtee do report to the Interloqr the amount of the Capital of the Widows fund, with the Annual Interest arising from the same. The number of Contributers to the fund, &

the sum by them contributed during the last year. Also the number of Annuitants on the fund, and the sum due, & payable to them from 1st Janry 1800 till 1st Janry 1801.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

2d Session Wednesday Morning 10 o'clock after prayer.

Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their members for the several Comtees. Also the following Reports.

Armagh Presb. report, That on 5th Aug. last they ordained in the Congon of Newry, the Revd John Thom, who is a Contributer to the widows fund. That they have on first Tryals Mr Moses Chambers; On the fund Mrs Ferguson, Mrs Sloan, Mrs Bryson, & family of Mr Jackson. Not on the fund Mrs Moody. Ordained

B.mena Presb. report, That on 12 Novr 1800 they ordained at Ballymoney, Mr Benjn Mitchel who is not a Contributer to the widows fund. That on 23d June 1801 they ordained at Clogh Mr Thos. Kinnier, who is a Contributer to the widows fund. And that they have on the fund Mrs Brown, Mrs Rankin, & Mrs Lindsay. Ordained

Bangor Presb. report, That Mrs Robt Jackson died on 5th June. That they have on the fund Mrs Warnick, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Hull, Mrs Bryson, Mrs Dobbin, Mrs Patterson, & Mrs Porter. That Mr Knox died on 22d March last. That Mr Wightman was removed from Moira to Hollywood, in the bounds of the Presb. of Antrim. And that Mr Hamilton Dobbin, who was licensed according to Synodical Regulations since last Synod, was ordained at Moira on 10th June, & is a Contributer to the widows fund. Dead Dead Removed Ordained

Monaghan Presb. report, That they ordained the Revd Jas Wilson at Corboy on 5th March last, who is a Contributer to the widows fund. That they have Installed the Revd Henry McIlree at Keady. Have entered on second Tryals Mr Gibson. On first Tryals Messrs John Whiteside, & Arthur Windram; and have on the fund Mrs Warnock, Mrs Fleming, Mrs Smyth, & Mrs Sprat. Ordained Installed

Clogher Presb. have on the fund Mrs Mulligan.

Derry Presb. report, That they ordained at Cumber, on 14th Septr last Mr James Allison. Also on 2d Decr last at Glendermot Mr Wm Monteith, and at Taughboyne, Mr Matt. Herron, on 2d June. All Contributers to the widows fund. That Mr Scott resigned his Pastoral Charge of the Congon of Donagh, through Bodily Infirmity. And that they have on the fund Mrs Walker, Senr & Junr, Mrs Patten, & family of Mr Saml Patten. Three ordained Resigned

Ordained

T.patrick Presb. report, That they ordained the Revd Alex^{r} Montgomery at Glenarm, on 17th March last, who is a Contributer to the widows fund. And that they have on the fund Mrs Dunbar, Mrs White, Mrs Cowan, & Mrs Gibson.

Installed

Dromore Presb. report, That they Installed the Revd John McIlwaine at Morne, on 23^{d} Decr last who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith, & is a Contributer to the widows fund. That Mr Jackson died on 17th Jan^{ry} last. That they have licensed Mr Thos Malcomson according to Synodical Regulations, who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith. And that they have on the fund Mrs Neilson, Mrs Strong, M^{rs} McCombe, & Mrs Thomson.

Dead

Ordained

Belfast Presb. report, That on 3^{d} Septr last they ordained in the Cong^{on} of Drumbo Mr James Riddell who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith and is a Contributer to the widows fund. That on first Tuesday of May last they licensed Mr Andrew Goudy, who also subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith. And that they have on the fund Mrs Kinkead, Mrs Kennedy, M^{rs} McEwen, & Mrs Rowan.

Root Presb. report, That they have on the fund Mrs Gaston, Mrs Smylie in the Isle of Man, Mrs Elder, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Davis in America, M^{rs} McMullan, Mrs Simson, Mrs Cameron, & family of Mr Douglas. That they have licensed Messrs Chas Kennedy & John Syms. Have on first Tryals Mr Solomon Brown; and on second Tryals Messrs Chas Kennedy & Saml Caldwell.

Dead

Ordained

Tyrone Presb. report, that the Revd Wm Kennedy died on 9th April last, leaving a family. That on first Tuesday of May last they ordained at Coagh Mr Cowan, who subscribed the usual formula & is a Contributer to the widows fund. That they have licensed according to Synodical Regulations Messrs Boyle, & Caldwell, who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith. Have admitted to first Tryals Mr Duncan; and have on the fund Mrs Peebles, Mrs Duffin, Mrs Todd, Mrs Smyth, and families of Messrs Murray, McClelland, Whiteside & Kennedy.

Dublin Presb. report, That none have died, been ordained or Installed, none Licensed or entered on Tryals. That no widow resides in their Bounds, & refer to the Presb. of Letterkenny respecting Mrs Caldwell, but believe she is still living.

L.kenny Presb. report, That they have entered on Tryals M^{r} W^{m} McCrea; and that they have on the fund Mrs Delap, & families of Messrs Marshal & Holmes.

Ordained

Two dead

Strabane Presb. report, that they ordained the Revd Wm Porter in the Cong^{on} of Newton Limavaddy as Colleague to the Revd Joseph Osborne, on 2^{d} Aug. 1799, who proposed being a Contributer to the widows fund, under the Regulations of Synod in such cases. That the Revd Joseph Osborne died on 17th Septr 1800 leaving a family. That the Revd Robt Neilson died on 8th April last. And that they have on the fund Mrs Torbet, Mrs Coulter, & family of Mr Osborne.

Gen. Synods fixed Comt^{ee} for the year 1801.

Presbs.		Minrs.
Armagh,	Messrs	Cuming & Shaw
Bangor,	,,	Craig & Acheson
B.mena,	,,	Montgomery & T. Henry
Monaghan,	,,	Trimble & Whiteside
Clogher,	,,	Johnston & Davison
Derry,	,,	Dr Young & Dr Black
T.patrick,	,,	Orr & Thomson
Dromore,	,,	Thomson & Sherrard
Belfast,	,,	McCullough & Whitla
Root,	,,	Brown & Glasgow
Tyrone,	,,	Hogg & McKay
L.kenny,	,,	Ja^{s} Delap & Ja^{s} Houston
Strabane,	,,	Hemphill & Porter

These with an elder from each Presbytery & our Moderator & Clerk are to meet at Lurgan, when called by the Mod^{r} on any Emergency, Fifteen to be a Quorum, of whom Twelve at least are to be ministers.

Order to the Presbs of Dublin & Strabane

Upon reading the minute of last year, respecting the Mod^{rs} of the Presbs. of B.mena, & Belfast & others not in the Habit of attending Synod, writing to the members of their respective Presbs. on this subject it appeared, that with this Injunction the Mod^{rs} of Belfast & B.mena had complied, & their conduct was accordingly approved. It not having been observed, however by the Presb. of Strabane, not one of whose members was present, at last meeting, & the Presb. of Dublin not having a single member present at this meeting, It was moved & agreed to, that the members of these Presbyteries be enjoined to attend, or apologize Individually at next meeting for their conduct in this respect.

Report from the Comt^{ee} at Magherafelt

Mr Thomson of T.Patrick Presb. as Mod^{r} of the Comt^{ee} appointed at last Synod to meet at Magherafelt on the Business of Mr Mitchel & the Cong^{on} of Ballymoney, reported that they met, & issued the Affairs on which they were appointed.

Synod to meet at Cookstown

Moved, That the next meeting of Synod shall be held at Cookstown on the last Tuesday of June 1802. It was also moved that Lurgan be the place of meeting. The Question was accordingly put "Cookstown or Lurgan?" The Roll being called, it carried "Cookstown." Divine Service to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

In settling the above Question a Discussion arose concerning the Presb. of Antrim & their Elders having a right to vote which Discussion terminated in the affirmative.

It was afterwards moved, "That Elders may sit, speak & vote on all Questions of Interloq^{r} whatever." To this motion it was moved as an amendment, "That Elders may sit, speak, & vote on all Questions, those relating to the widows fund excepted."

Motion respecting Elders adjourned

The farther Discussion of this Business was deferred till to-morrow immediately after Breakfast.

Keady

Upon reading the minute of last year respecting the Cong^{on} of Keady paying all accounts due to the Probationers of Tyrone Presbytery, it appeared, that the Cong^{on} had not paid the said accounts in full. After some Investigation into the Particulars of this Business the Synod ordered that the Cong^{on} of Keady do immediately pay into the Hands of Mr Boylan the sum of £2 8s 9d, as yet remaining due to the Probationers of Tyrone Presbytery.

Upon reading the Overture, of last year, ordering Returns to be made by every Presbytery, of the number of Famlies & Stipend of each Cong^{on} within their Respective bounds, It was moved & agreed to, that by that Overture this Synod is not to be understood as having expressed any sentiment in favour of Classes.

Comt^{ee} to meet at Portadown to settle the affairs at Vinecash

It appearing that the Order of Synod of last year, respecting the settlement of Accounts, between M^{r} M'Ilree & the Cong^{on} of Vinecash, had not been Obeyed, it was moved & agreed to, that, Messrs Thos Cuming, John Sherrard & John Hazlet be appointed a Comt^{ee} to meet at Portadown, on the last Thursday of July Inst. who are impowered to settle all accounts, in Question, and that their Decision shall be final.

Collegiate charges may send an Elder with each minister

On reading the minute of the *pro re natâ* meeting of the Synod on 8th Octr last which declares, "that only one Elder from any Cong^{on} shall be allowed to vote at that meeting." It was moved & seconded, "That Collegiate Charges may send an Elder with each Minister to the Judicatories of this Church" The Question was put "May they send or Not?" The Roll being called it carried "they may send," by a large majority.

Report of the late Mod^{r} & Dr Birch

The late Mod^{r} reported, that He, & Dr Birch waited on Lord Castlereagh according to appointment & delivered to his Lordship the Synods letter. That his Lordship received them with much Politeness: said he would always be happy to attend to the Interests of the Presbyterian Body; & that with respect to the Objects comprehended in the Synods letter, his Majesty's Ministers had determined on two points; the one that they would not make any farther Provision for

Presbyterian Ministers on the present plan; and that when they did enter on that measure, unequal Destribution would make a part of the plan.

The late Mod^r also produced a letter from Lord Castlereagh which was read & is as follows:—

Ipswich June 13.

Sir,

The Change which has taken place in his Majesty's Councils will, I trust, explain to you, why I have felt myself precluded from making to you as Moderator of the Synod, the Communications which I promised, at our last Interview and which nothing but the event above alluded to, could have delayed. Letter from Lord Castlereagh

I have in Obedience to Lord Cornwallis's commands fully explained to his Majestys Ministers, of both countries, what had already passed on this Subject; and in doing so I have used my best Endeavours to impress their minds in the strongest manner as well with the general Expediency of the measure, as with the Assurances which the Synod had received from their Predecessors relative to its speedy accomplishment.

I earnestly & Anxiously hope, that the Decision of his Majestys Confidential Servants, will ultimately accord with the purpose which Lord Cornwallis's Government had so much at Heart, and which he flattered himself, (as a part of a General System) would have proved of equal Advantage to the State & to the Dissenters, by ameliorating the Circumstances and Situation of their Clergy.

I beg Sir through you to assure the Synod, that I shall feel the same desire in my Individual Capacity to promote the true Interests of their Body, which I very sincerely entertained, when I had the Honor of being employed in his Majesty's Service, and that they may always very freely command my best exertions.

I have the Honor to remain Sir with much Respect

Your faithful & obedient Servt

CASTLEREAGH.

Resolved unanimously, that a letter of thanks be written to Lord Castlereagh, expressive of our Gratitude to his Lordship for his unremitting attention to our Interests, and that Dr Black, Dr Little, & Messrs John Bankhead, John Thomson & Thos Cuming do prepare the same. Thanks to Lord Castlereagh

It was also unanimously Resolved, that the Thanks of this Synod be returned to the Right Honb^le the Att^ry General for his favourable Intentions & kind Interference respecting the Interests of this Body, in a letter signed by the Moderator, and that Dr Black & Messrs Barber, Birch, Acheson, & Hugh Delap do prepare the same. Thanks to the Att^ry General

The several Committees are ordered to meet to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

3d Session Thursday Morning 10 o'clock, after Prayer.

The adjourned motion respecting Elders carried in the affirmative

The amended motion referred to the consideration of this forenoon, viz. "That Elders may sit, speak, & vote on all Questions, those relating to the widows fund excepted," having undergone a long Discussion, it was at last moved, that the previous Question be put upon the motion. The Roll being called, the previous Question was negatived. The Roll was then called upon the amended motion, which was carried in the Affirmative.

Protest against the above Decision

Against this Decision the following members protested promising to give their Reasons in due time, viz. John Thomson, Thos Cuming, Sinclare Kelburn, Thos McKay, & others.

Keady

A supplication was presented from that part of the Congon of Keady heretofore known under the Denomination of the minority, praying to be erected into a separate Congon. After considerable Deliberation, it was moved, & unaminously agreed to, that inasmuch, as a standing law of the Synod prohibits any Congon to be erected at the meeting at which it is first proposed, the Presb. of Tyrone be ordered to grant them supplies as they may see fit, till next meeting of Synod.

Maghera

A supplication was presented from a part of the Congon of Maghera, praying that the Synod would either put a stop to the ordination of the Revd Chas Kennedy in that Congon or should this supplication not be complied with, to erect supplicants into a separate Congregation.

It was moved & unanimously agreed to, that the whole of this Business be dismissed.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

4th Session Friday Morning 7 o'clock, after Prayer.

Annual Address to the People under our Pastoral Care

It was moved and unanimously agreed to, that a Comtee be annually appointed to draw up an Address to the People under our Pastoral Care recommending & enforcing the Practice, of Piety & Morality; and that Messrs Birch, Millar, Denham, Dr Little, & Thos Henry, be the Comtee appointed for this year.

The protesting Brethren now gave in their Reasons of Protest which were read & are as follow:—

We protest against the Admission of Elders to vote on this Question Because we deem it Incompatible with every Idea of Propriety, that

men should be Judges in their own cause, & assume a Privilege, which they have never enjoyed; Such Procedure is contrary to the practice of every publick Body; whether Ecclesiastical or Civil; A dangerous Innovation Inconsistent with the Government of our Church; & tending to establish a precedent, which may be most destructive in its Consequences.

Reasons of Protest against the Decision respecting Elders voting in affairs of the R.D.

We Protest against the Decision of the Question which has now taken place.

1. Because the ministers of this Synod & of the Presbytery of Antrim have no absolute Right in themselves, but enjoy the Privilege of directing the Application of the Royal Bounty, from the Courtesy & Indulgence of Government only, and therefore cannot, without the greatest impropriety permit the Interference of another class of men, who were never intended by the Donors to have any voice or Authority in its management, and Application.

2. Because the ministers of the Gen. Synod & Presb. of Antrim are competent to manage their pecuniary concerns, in which Elders have never hitherto shewn any Desire to Intermeddle; & which we are perswaded, the greater part of them, have no inclination to engage in, and which may be abused to the purposes of a party spirit, to serve the Interests of Individuals, Inconsistent with the General Interest.

3. Because we deem it Inconsistent with the office of Elders who attend our Judicatories as church officers, to regulate, whatever relates to the Discipline, worship, & Government of the Christian Church, but not to assume, a power over the Property of others, whether ministers or Laymen.

4. Because the Introduction of such a measure at the present Juncture creating an unnecessary change in the Constitution of this Assembly, is pecularly unwise, and may materially affect the Interest, Prosperity & Tranquillity of the Presbyterian Body.

5. Because the measure so far as it proposes to separate the management of his Majesty's Bounty, & of the widows fund is Impracticable; And if Elders interfere in the Application of the former, out of which the subscriptions of ministers to the latter are defrayed, the support of the fund, must depend upon the controul of men, who are acknowledged on all sides to have no concern in its Interests; and the Institution must be exposed to the hazard of being injured; or it may be, in time wrested from its original Purpose.

6. Because the Question has, in our Opinion, been urged with unbecoming haste, in opposition to our earnest Desire, that it might be deferred until next meeting of Synod, when the several Cong^{ons} in its Bounds, as well as the ministers now absent, & who never thought of the present Discussion would have an opportunity of expressing their sentiments on a Subject Novel in its nature & introduced without that previous & timely notice which its magnitude demanded. Signed John Thomson, Robert Black, And^{w} Craig, Hugh Brooke, Joseph Denham, Thos McKay, David Taggart, Thos Cuming, Matt. Trimble,

David Young, And^{w} Millar, James McCullough, Josias Gamble, Josiah Ker, Joseph Harrison, Sinclare Kelburn, James Canning, Wm Dunlop, James Brown, Alex^{r} Martin, Arch^{d} Fullerton, David Hamilton, Moses Hogg, Alex^{r} Montgomery, of B.mena Presb., Hugh Delap, Matt. Culbert, James Delap, Wm Johnston.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

5th Session Friday, 10 o'clock, after Prayer.

Mr Smyth

It was moved & unanimously agreed to, That the Resolution suspending the payment of the R.D. to Mr Smyth be rescinded.

Address to the Lord Lieutenant

Moved & unanimously agreed to that the following Address be transmitted to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY PHILIP EARL HARDWICKE LORD LIEUTENANT GENERAL, & GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

May it please your Excellency

We his Majestys Dutiful & Loyal Subjects the Presbyterian Ministers & Elders of the Gen. Synod of Ulster, embrace with pleasure this Opportunity, which our stated Annual meeting affords, us to express to your Excellency, the sense which we entertain of his Majesty's Goodness, in appointing to the Government of this country a Nobleman of your Excellency's high Character & the Representative of a family long distinguished for wisdom & virtue.

Your Excellency's Attachment to the best Interests of this country has been evinced at a Period when everything Dear & valuable to its Inhabitants was in Danger; & we are confident that the same Regard to its Interests, will continue to adorn your present exalted station & ensure the Blessings of Protection, Prosperity, & Peace to this Portion of the United Empire.

We beg leave to renew to your Excellency our Declarations of Loyalty & Attachment to the Person & Government of our beloved Sovereign, for the compleat & Happy Re-establishment of whose Health we are sincerely Grateful to Divine Providence, and we humbly beg that your Excellency may have the Goodness to represent these our Dutiful & Loyal Sentiments to the Father of his People.

Signed in our name & by our Appointment

JOSEPH HAY, Mod^{r}.

Moved & agreed to, that the Moderator transmit the above Address to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant & inform him that if his Excellency shall have any Communications to make to the Synod, He

may have the Goodness to make them through him as Moderator, and that he will lay them before this Body.

Resolved that the following letter be transmitted to Lord Castlereagh, in answer to his Lordships letter to our late Moderator. Letter to Lord Castlereagh

Lurgan July 1st 1801.

My Lord,

Your letter to our late Moderator of the 13th ult. was laid before us at our present meeting.

While we regret that the late change in his Majesty's Councils hath deprived us of your Lordships official exertions, & delayed a measure which you have cherished with steady zeal, we feel ourselves impressed with the most sincere sentiments of Gratitude to your Lordship for your affectionate expressions of Kindness & your unremitting attention, while you continued in office, to our real Interests.

Whatever may ultimately be the success of a measure so conducive to the Interests of the Presbyterians of Ireland, we are proud that this measure originated under the Administration of the Marquis Cornwallis, a Nobleman whose Character we Reverence & love, & whose virtues shall long remain engraven upon our memories.

To him & to your Lordship we are sincerely Grateful, for the pains which you have taken in explaining to his Majesty's Ministers, what has already passed on the subject of the Augmentation of the Royal Bounty, and for recommending the measure to their consideration & Adoption; a Recommendation which we are confident must have its due weight, and of which we already feel the favourable Effects.

For your Lordship's Assurances of Friendship in your Individual Capacity, we beg you to accept our warmest thanks. We wish to open a Communication (through our Moderator the Revd Joseph Hay near Newry) with the present Administration of this country; and hope through your Lordships Exertions co-operating with those of other friends, whether of the late or present Administration, that a measure so Important to the Comfort & Respectability of the Presbyterian Clergy as well as to the People under their care, will ere long be brought to a favourable Issue.

At the same time we beg leave to remind your Lordship of the sentiments which we expressed to you in our letter of the 8th of October last, with respect to an unequal Destribution of the projected Augmentation; and with utmost Defference to your Lordships Superior Judgment, we take the liberty of assuring you, that we continue in the same opinion on that subject.

Signed in our name & by our appointment

JOSEPH HAY, Modr.

Letter to the Attry General

The following letter to the Right Honble the Attry General was read, approved, and ordered to be transmitted by the Modr.

Sir,

The Synod of Ulster has this day laid before them your very kind letter to Mr Delap, & your no less obliging Communications to Dr Black, for which they return you their Hearty & Sincere thanks.

They are extremely obliged by your communicating to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, the Objects which Lord Castlereagh had in view, relative to the Augmentation of the Royal Bounty; and the expectations which the Synod had reason to form from his Lordships Intentions.

The Synod is happy to learn that his Excellency will take into his consideration, the Assurances which were held out to the Synod by the late Administration, and Gratefully receive your friendly Communications to them, that his Excellency is ready & Desirous, to forward the views & wishes of the Synod.

The Synod is Happy to find, they have so Willing & Powerful an Advocate with Government, and request you may continue your good offices, in an affair, which has for its object the Interests & welfare of Presbyterians in general & of the Kingdom at large.

Signed in our name & by our Appointment

JOS. HAY, Modr.

Lurgan 1 July 1801.

Notice of a motion

Mr Hanna gave notice, that he intends on the next meeting of this Synod to move, That no member of Synod be its Agent.

A motion negatived by the previous Question

It was moved & seconded, that the yearly Sallery to be paid to our Agent, for conducting our money Business, shall be the sum of one hundred pounds, & that the mode of payment shall be by Bank Post Bills Quarterly, to each Individual. On this motion the previous Question was put & it carried, "Not."

An Address to the People under the care of the Synod was read & Messrs John Bankhead, John Thomson, Robert Acheson, & Saml Hanna, were appointed a Comtee to take care of the printing & Destribution. The number of copies to be printed, fifteen hundred; & the expence to be paid by the Agent.

A Fast Day appointed

It was moved & unanimously agreed to, that a Day of Humiliation be observed in all the Congons under the care of the Synod, on the last Wednesday of July Inst., and if that day be inconvenient to any Congon that it be held on the day before or after.

Dr Dickson

It was moved & unanimously agreed to, That as the peculiar Circumstances of Dr Dickson do not seem to militate against any Rule of this Synod; on his paying 40 shillings a year to our Agent & all arrears, he shall be continued a Contributer to the widows fund.

At the Interloqr.

The Comtee of Accounts report :— Report of Comtee of Accounts

That the Capital of the widows fund on 1st June 1801 was	£14278 :	4 :	3
Interest arising from the same last year ..	£824 :	1 :	2
Number of Contributers 29th Septr 1800—175.			
Sum by them contributed for one year till that date	£636 :	4 :	9
Number of Annuitants 1st Janry 1801—69.			
Annuities payable to them for one year till that date	£1077 :	9 :	1

They examined the accounts of the R. D. from March Qur 1800, till Decr Qur 1800 inclusive; and also the Accounts of the widows fund from 1st June 1800, till 1st June 1801, and find them all accurate & fully satisfactory.

JOHN THOMSON, Chairman.

Lurgan 1 July 1801.

Resolved that the Annuitants on the fund be paid this year seventeen pounds each. 17 pounds to Annuitants

A letter from the Trustees of the widows fund was read, in which they recommend that the Ballance now in the hands of the Agent, be laid out in the purchase of Government Debentures. This agreed to, and our Agent instructed accordingly.

Ordered that the sum of Ten Guineas be paid by the Agent to our Clerk in compensation for his Extra Services in October last. 10 Gs to Clerk for extra services

Messrs John Bankhead & Thos Cuming were appointed to answer the letter of the Trustees.

The Moderator concluded the Synod with Prayer.

Inserted 26 October 1801 by

ROBERT DICKSON, Clerk of Gen. Synod.

A Gen. Synod at Cookstown, 29th June, 1802.

Mr Hay the Moderator of the former Synod opened this by preaching from 1. Thess. v. 21. Then constituted it by Prayer. After which were present from the several Presbyteries the following members, viz :—

Minrs.	Elders.
Strabane Presb.	
Hugh Hamill	Gabriel Holmes
Wm. Dunlop	Patrick Hall
Thos. Anderson	
Chas. Hemphill	
Wm. Porter	James Lindsay
Derry Presb.	
John Law	Wm. Guyler
Dr. Young	Wm. Law
Dr. Black	Wm. Walker, Esqr.
Francis Gray	Isaiah Smyth
Hugh Brooke	Richd. Cunningham
Wm. Cunningham	
Henry Elder	John Cowan
Richard Dill	James Risk
James Canning	
Matthew Culbert	
David Hamilton	
James Allison	
Wm. Monteeth	
Matthew Herron	
Robert Caldwell	
T.patrick Presb.	
John Wright	Adam Boyle
John Bankhead	
Adam Hill	David Forsyth
Robert Thomson	Jas. Patten
John Murphy	
Thos. Alexander	John Murphy
Robt. Compbell	Robt. Hussey
Nath. Alexander	Wm. Moore
Alexr. Montgomery	Philip Gibbons
Dromore Presb.	
Isaac Patrick	John Finlay
Saml. Barber	Saml. Caldwell
James Birch	Alexr. Cochran
John Thomson	Thos. Brown
Joseph Hay	
Dr. Little	Wm. Morrow
John Sherrard	Henry Dickson
John McClelland	
John McCance	Wm. Wilson
John McIlwain	John Ewing
Hamilton Dobbin	John Hazlet

Minrs.	Elders.
Belfast Presb.	
Samuel Patten	
Andrew Grier	
George Brydone	
Wm. Whitla	
Samuel Hanna	John Milford
Samuel Watson	Dr. Lowry
James McCullough	Andw. Goudy
Hen. Simson	Wm. Killpatrick
James Riddell	John Hunter
Bangor Presb.	
James Cochran	Wm. McClure
Andw. Craig	
James Sinclair	
David Taggart	
Robt. Acheson	John Dickson
Josiah Ker	John Menown
John Arnold	
John Watson	
Wm. Moreland	
Dublin Presb.	
Dr. McDowel	
Hugh Moore	
Wm. Wilson	
James Horner	
B.mena Presb.	
Joseph Douglas	
Jas. Cumming	Henry Boyd
David Park	John Gordon
Robt. Christie	Wm. Rossborough
Thos. Henry	Wm. Adams
Henry Henry	Robert Malcome
Wm. Hamilton	Dr. Patrick
Benjn. Mitchel	Robt. McAfee
Thos. Kinnier	Saml. Stephenson
L.kenny Presb.	
Henry Millar	
John Holmes	
Wm. Ramsay	
Hugh Delap	
Wm. Houston	
Francis Dill	
James Houston	Andw. McCrea
Samuel Dill	Thos. Elliot

Minrs.	Elders.
Clogher Presb.	
Wm. Moorhead	Alexr. Irwin
Andw. Millar	John Cowan
James Ker	Robt. Armstrong
Wm. Johnston	Wm. Smyth
James Davison	John Wilson
James Hall	
Booth Caldwell	
Josias Gamble	Saml. Gamble
Root Presb.	
Robert Thomson	Wm. Glen
Wm. Lynd	Wm. Hill
Hugh McClelland	
Robt. Rentoul	James Morrison
Jas. McFarland	Jas. Watt
James Elder	
Matt. Elder	Matt. Brown
Daniel Blair	Robt. Barber
Alexr. Martin	Saml. Allen, Esqr.
Archd. Fullerton	Hugh Rankin
John Smyth	Saml. Donnaghy
Jas. Brown	Matt. Woodburn
Daniel Makee	John Martin
Chas. Kennedy	James Ker
Jas. Boyle	Adam Hunter, Esqr.
Thos. Grier	Wm. Ker
Monaghan Presb.	
Matt. Trimble	
Robt. Montgomery	Robt. Smyth
John McCurdy	John Wilkin
Joseph Denham	
James Whiteside	
James Goudy	
Saml. Kennedy	
Henry McIlree	Wm. Blair
James Morell	John Power
James Gibson	

Minrs.	Elders.
Tyrone Presb.	
Moses Hogg	James Jones
James Whiteside	
Wm. Stitt	Dr. Hamilton
Wm. Moore	Jas. Magill
Hugh Boylan	
Geo. Dougal	Robt. Duncan
Thos. McKay	Hugh White
John Davison	Andw. Harkness
Wm. Read	
Alexr. Carson	Saml. Sinclair
John Cowan	Gabriel Aiken
Armagh Presb.	
Robert Dickson	
Thos. Cuming	
Nath. Shaw	Henry Stirling
Wm. Charleton	Robt. Grier
Jas. Bankhead	David McCombe
Wm. Neilson	Joseph Parks
John Thom	James Brown
Antrim Presb.	
Futt. Marshall	Robt. Neilson
James Neilson	
Joseph Osborne	
John Wightman	
Dr. Dickson an Honorary Member	
Elders from vacant & planted Congregations.	
Stewartstown	John Alexander
Carland	Joseph Howard
Moira	Robt. Crawford
Skreegan	Alexr. Deans
Clare	Robert Boyd
CastleDawson	Matt. Kevin
Larne	George Hay

Mr Hay having moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, the following Brethren were named, viz. Revd Messrs Hamil, Dr Young, Hill, Sherrard, Brydone, Craig, Horner, Christie, Holmes, Moorhead, R. Thomson, R. Montgomery, Hogg, & Shaw. The Roll was called & Mr Shaw chosen. Modr chosen

Mr Dickson continued Clerk.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, & to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of Synod to-morrow morning of their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, & Gen. Synods fixed Comtee. An account of such ministers as have died, been Ordained, or Installed; And of such Candidates as Order to Presbs

have been Licensed or entered on Tryals since last Gen. Synod. An Account of Annuitants on the fund; of any that have died; & of the time when such did Die. Also of such women in their Bounds, as have been wives of Ministers, & are not on the fund.

Comtee of Accounts

The following members were returned by the several Presbs as a Committee to Inspect the Accounts of our Agent, viz. Revd Messrs Dunlop, Elder, Alexander, Hay, Hanna, Arnold, Wilson, Christie, Ramsay, Johnston. Trimble, & Neilson. They are to meet in the Vestry Room to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Any Member may attend to give or receive Information, but not to vote.

Order to said Comtee

Ordered, That said Committee do report to the Interloqr the amount of the Capital of the widows fund, with the annual Interest arising from the same. The number of Contributers to the fund, & the sum by them contributed during the last year. Also the number of Annuitants on the fund & the sum due & payable to them from 1st January, 1801, till 1st January 1802.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

2d Session Wednesday morning 10 o'clock after prayer.

Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their members for the several Committees. Also the following Reports.

Dead
Dead
Dead

Armagh Presb. report, that the Revd Mr Livingston of Clare died on 26 Feb. last, leaving a widow & children. That Mrs Ferguson died on 27th May last. That Mrs Bryson also died the time not known. That they have licensed according to Synodical Regulations Mr Moses Chambers. And that they have on the fund Mrs Sloan, Mrs Livingston, & families of Mr Jackson & Mr Bryson.

Licensed

Bangor Presb. report, That they have licensed Mr Wm Wright according to Synodical Regulations. And that they have on the fund Mrs Warnick, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Hull, Mrs Bryson, Mrs Dobbin, Mrs Paterson, & Mrs Porter.

Licensed
Deposed

Derry Presb. report, That they have licensed Mr James Marshal & entered on Tryals Mr Hall. That they deposed from the ministerial office Mr John Irwin of Faughan for celebrating marriage contrary to the Order and Discipline of the Gen. Synod, on 4th Aug. last, & advertised his Deposition according to the Regulation of the Synod. And that they have on the fund Mrs Walker, Senr & Junr, Mrs Patten, & family of Mr Samuel Patten.

Dublin Presb. report, That they have neither Licensed, Ordained nor entered on first Tryals any person, and that the widow of the late Revd Robert Rodgers of Longford resides within their Bounds.

Clogher Presb. have on the fund Mrs Mulligan.

Two dead
Three ordained

Root Presb. report, That Mr Glasgo of Coleraine died on 13th July & Mr Knox of Dunboe on 29th Aug. 1801. That they ordained

Mr Chas Kennedy at Maghera on 29th July, Mr James Boyle at Dunluce on 1st Decr, and Mr Thos Grier at Dunboe on 9th March last, all Contributers to the widows fund. That they have Licensed Mr Solomon Brown, and have entered on second Tryals Mr John Whiteside. Widows on the fund Mrs Gaston, Mrs Smylie, Mrs Elder, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Davis, Mrs McMullan, Mrs Simson, Mrs Cameron, Mrs Glasgo, Mrs Knox, & family of Mr Douglass. Licensed

Monaghan Presb. report, That they ordained at Lissluney on 5th Aug. last, Mr James Gibson who is a Contributer to the widows fund. Have Licensed according to Synodical Regulations, Messrs John Whiteside & Arthur Windrum. And have on the fund Mrs Warnock, Mrs Fleming, Mrs Smyth, & Mrs Sprat. Ordained Licensed

T.patrick Presb. report, that on 4th May last they deposed Mr John Abernethy, formerly minister of Templepatrick, for celebrating marriage contrary to all Order, from every part of the ministerial Office. They also report that they have on the fund Mrs Dunbar, Mrs White, Mrs Cowan, & Mrs Gibson. Deposed

Belfast Presb. report, that the Revd Sinclair Kelburn died on 31st March last leaving a widow. And that they have on the fund Mrs Kinkead, Mrs Kennedy, Mrs McEwen, Mrs Rowan & Mrs Kelburn. Dead

Strabane Presb. have entered on first Tryals Mr Jacob Scott, and have on the fund Mrs Torbet now residing in Scotland, Mrs Coulter, & family of Mr Osborne.

B.mena Presb. have entered on first Tryals Mr Killpatrick; and have on the fund Mrs Brown, & Mrs Lindsay. Mrs Rankin died some time in February last. Dead

L.kenny Presb. report, That they have Licensed Mr Wm McCrea. And that they have on the fund Mrs Delap & families of Messrs Marshal & Holmes. Licensed

Dromore Presb. report, That they Installed the Revd Hamilton Dobbin at Lurgan on 26th Janry last. He is a Contributer to the widows fund. They have on the fund Mrs Neilson, Mrs Strong, Mrs McCombe, & Mrs Thomson. They farther report, that they ordained the Revd Wm Wright, Colleague to the Revd Mr McClure at Anahilt, on 24th June. He subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith, and is a Contributer to the widows fund. Installed Ordained

Tyrone Presb. report, That Mr Adams died on 26 Decr last leaving a widow & children. That they have licensed since last meeting of Synod Messrs Andw McCaldon, Archd Maharg, & John Duncan, who all subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith. And that they have on the fund Mrs Peebles, Mrs Duffin, Mrs Todd, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Adams & families of Messrs Murray, McClelland, Whiteside & Kennedy. Dead Licensed

Gen. Synods fixed Committee for the year 1802.

Presbs.		Minrs.
Armagh,	Messrs	Cuming & Bankhead
Bangor,	,,	Sinclair & Arnold
Derry,	,,	Drs Young & Black
Dublin,	,,	D^{r} McDowel & Wilson
Clogher,	,,	Millar & Davison
Root,	,,	Rentoul & Brown
Monaghan,	,,	Trimble & Whiteside
T.patrick,	,,	Bankhead & Thomson
Belfast,	,,	Whitla & Grier
Strabane,	,,	Dunlop & Porter
B.mena,	,,	Hamilton & Hen. Henry
L.kenny,	,,	Hu. Delap & Fran. Dill
Dromore,	,,	Dr Little & M^{r}. Hay
Tyrone,	,,	Stitt & More, Elders H. White & Ja^{s} Magill

These with an Elder from each Presb. & our Mod^{r} & Clerk, are to meet at Cookstown, when called by the Mod^{r}, on any Emergency, fifteen to be a Quorum, of whom Twelve at least are to be Ministers.

Elders from Vacant Congons admitted to vote

It was moved & seconded, That Elders from all Congregations whether vacant, or planted, shall be admitted to sit, speak, & vote, as members on all Questions which shall come before the Synod.

After this motion had been argued at great length, the Question was put, "Admit or Not?" The Roll was called, and it carried "Admit."

The several Committees are ordered to meet immediately.

It was moved & agreed to, that Dr Dickson be requested to sit as an Honorary Member, at this meeting.

Synod to meet at Cookstown

It was moved that Lurgan be the place of the Synods meeting next year. Monaghan & Cookstown were also named. The Roll was called & it carried to meet at Cookstown on the last Tuesday of June 1803. Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock Afternoon.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

Third Session, Thursday morning 7 o'clock after Prayer.

A Letter from Lord Castlereagh, in answer to the Synod's Letter of last year was read & is as follows :— Letter from Ld Castlereagh

Harrowgate 21 July.

Sir,

In reply to your letter, written by Direction of the Synod, It is only necessary for me to acknowledge the Receipt of it, and to offer my Congratulations to you personally, on your being appointed Moderator. It will afford me the greatest satisfaction to find the Arrangement in Question brought to a prosperous Issue.

I have the Honor to be Sir, your most faithful Servant,

CASTLEREAGH.

Revd Mr Hay.

Fourth Session Thursday 11 o'clock after Prayer.

It was moved & unanimously agreed to, that the Committee nominated last year to prepare an Address to our People, recommending the Practice of Piety & Morality, viz. Messrs Birch, Millar, Denham, Dr Little, & Thos Henry, be appointed this year to prepare, and bring forward a Similar Address. And that the Presb. of Strabane be a Comtee to prepare an Address recommending the Practice of Piety & Morality & to bring it forward at our annual meeting for the year 1803. And also that the Presbytery first on the Roll shall be annually appointed to prepare & bring forward a Similar Address each succeeding year. Resolution respecting the Annual Address to the People under the Pastoral Care of this Synod

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 6 o'clock.

Fifth Session Friday morning 6 o'clock after Prayer.

It was Overtured and unanimously agreed to, that an Address be presented to his Majesty to express to his Majesty our sincere Congratulations on the Happy Restoration of Peace. And that an Address be presented to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, requesting him to transmit the same to his Majesty. And Messrs Birch, Rentoul, Horner, & Mr Thos Cuming are appointed a Committee to prepare the same. Overture

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till 11 o'clock.

Sixth Session Friday, 11 o'clock, after Prayer.

It was moved & agreed to, that the Resolution of last year respecting the Right of Elders to sit, speak, & vote, on all Questions, those Resolution of last year amended

relating to the Widows fund excepted to be thus amended :—" That " Elders are acknowledged to have a Right to sit, speak, & vote on " all Questions, those relating to the Destribution of the Royal Bounty " & Widows fund excepted. And that in future should any addition " to or change in the Administration of the Royal Bounty be offered " to this Synod, That Elders shall have a Right to sit, speak & vote " on the Terms of such Addition or Change."

Answer to our Address of last year

A letter from the Secretary of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant in answer to our Address of last year, was received by our late Moderator, & is as follows :—

Dublin Castle 18th July 1801.

Sir,

Your letter transmitting the Address of the Gen. Synod of Ulster has been laid before my Lord Lieutenant, and I am directed by his Excellency to desire that you will take an Opportunity to return the Synod his warm Acknowledgments for their kind expressions, on his appointment to the Government of this part of the United Kingdom, and to assure them that it will be his anxious Endeavour to continue their Esteem by an Invariable Attention to its welfare & Prosperity.

His Excellency will not fail to represent to his Majesty the Loyal & affectionate feelings of the Gen. Synod, on the Re-establishment of his Majesty's Health, an Event which so Justly calls for the Effusions of their Gratitude to Divine Providence.

I have the Honor to be Sir, your most Obedient Humble servant,

E. COOKE.

Revd Joseph Hay
Modr of the Gen. Synod of Ulster.

Comtee to revise & publish an Abstract of the Laws of Synod

Resolved that the Revd Messrs John Thomson, John Bankhead, Andw Craig, Robt Acheson, & Saml Hanna, be appointed a Comtee to revise & publish an Abstract of the Laws & Regulations of the Minutes of the Gen. Synod, now in the hands of Mr Thomson, unless they shall see Cause to defer the Publication, and that if they shall see it necessary to publish, that two Copies be sent to each Congregation in the Bounds of the Synod.

Two letters from his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant

Two Letters by Dr McDowel, from his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant to our late Moderator, were presented, & read from the Chair. They are as follow :—

Dublin Castle 23 June 1802.

Sir,

It has been represented to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, That at the last meeting of the Synod of Ulster a Question was brought forward as to the Mode in which the fund called the Regium Donum should be administered, and that attempts have been made at that meeting to controul the form of proceeding, which has

been so long pursued and which his Majesty has placed under the Direction of the Lord Lieutenant.

His Excellency being of opinion that such attempts would tend to Introduce Discussions of matters not properly before the Synod; and that a departure from the present mode would be highly Inexpedient; I am directed to signify to you his Excellency's Pleasure that the mode hitherto pursued, be strictly adhered to, and that the Administration of the fund remain Exclusively under the Direction of the Ministers as has heretofore been the uniform practice.

I have the Honor to be Sir, your most obedient humble servant,

A. MARSDEN.

Revd Joseph Hay.

Dublin Castle 26 June 1802.

Sir,

I am commanded by the Lord Lieutenant to convey to you, for the Information of the Presbyterian Ministers of Ulster, the substance of a letter which has this day been received from Lord Pelham & which his Excellency has great pleasure in communicating.

Lord Pelham informs his Excellency that his Majestys Confidential servants have come to a Determination to recommend to the King to encrease the Regium Donum in the next year; and a future communication will be made as to the Amount, and the Regulations which it may be thought Adviseable to adopt.

I have the Honor to be Sir, your most Obedient humble Servant,

A. MARSDEN.

Revd Joseph Hay.

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to the Lord Lieutenant in answer to the above letters, & that the Comt^ee be the Rev^d D^rs McDowel, & Black & Messrs John Thomson, Wm Moore, & Saml Hanna. Comtee to prepare an Address to the Ld Lieutenant

Mr Hanna declined to bring forward his promised Motion, "That no member of Synod be its Agent."

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 5 o'clock.

Seventh Session Saturday morning 5 o'clock after prayer.

The Comt^ee appointed to prepare an Address to the People under our Care, produced the same, which being read, was referred to the Presbytery of Dublin, to revise, correct, publish and Distribute, fifty Copies to each Cong^on under the Care of the Synod. Address to the People referred to the Presb. of Dublin

The Committees appointed to prepare the Addresses to the King & Lord Lieutenant now laid them before the Synod which being read & approved, It was Resolved, that our Moderator, D^r McDowel, & M^r

Thos Henry, with Adam Hunter, Esqr & Dr Lowry, Elders, be appointed to present the same to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

The Addresses are as follow :—

TO THE KINGS MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

Address to the King

We your Majestys most Dutiful & Loyal Subjects the Ministers & Elders composing the Gen. Synod of Ulster, embrace with pleasure the opportunity afforded us, by our Annual Meeting of declaring our Attachment to your Majestys Person & Government.

We entreat permission to offer to your Majesty our warm and Respectful Congratulations, on the Happy Re-establishment of Peace, accomplished since our last meeting, under Divine Providence, by the Wisdom & firmness of your Majestys Councils. And we beg leave to assure your Majesty, that we shall continue to Inculcate on the People under our Care, those Principles of Religion, Order & good morals, which are alike conducive to their Eternal Happiness, & to the Tranquillity of Society. Nor shall we cease to offer up our Prayers to Almighty God for the Peace & Welfare of the Empire; And that your Majestys Reign over it may be long & Prosperous.

Signed in our name, & by our Order at Cookstown, this 3d day of July 1802.

NATH. SHAW, Moderator.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY PHILIP EARL HARDWICKE LORD LIEUTENANT GENERAL, AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

May it please your Excellency,

Address to the Lord Lieutenant

We his Majesty's Dutiful & Loyal Subjects, the Ministers & Elders of the Synod of Ulster, beg leave to approach your Excellency with the most lively sentiments of Respect, Earnestly requesting that your Excellency may transmit our Address to our most Gracious Sovereign, assuring his Majesty of our unfeigned Loyalty & Attachment to his Person & Government.

We are happy in this opportunity of expressing the high Veneration and Esteem which we entertain for your Excellencys exalted Character. We admire those virtues which so eminently adorn it, and we are highly Grateful for your Excellencys Attachment to the true Interests of this part of his Majestys United Kingdom, & for the Advantages which we enjoy under your Excellencys Administration.

Signed in our name, & by our order, at Cookstown, this 3d day of July 1802.

NATH. SHAW, Moderator.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY PHILIP EARL HARDWICKE LORD LIEUTENANT GENERAL, & GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

May it please your Excellency

Address to the Lord Lieutenant

We his Majesty's Loyal & Dutiful Subjects, the Ministers & Elders of the Synod of Ulster assembled at our Annual Meeting at Cookstown on 29th June 1802, deeply impressed with a sense of your attachment to the Interests of the Presbyterian Body, beg leave most Respectfully to acknowledge the Honor done us by your Excellencys Communication through Dr McDowel, respecting a Resolution of last Synod.

We feel the deepest Concern that any Question brought forward at that meeting, should have given cause to your Excellency to consider us, as attempting to Controul the usual Mode of administering the fund called the Regium Donum, which has been most wisely placed under the Discretion of your Excellency & your Predecessors in the Government of this part of the United Kingdom, and which the ministers of this Body enjoy, by the Beneficence of our most Gracious Sovereign.

Permit us to assure your Excellency that we have not the most distant Idea of changing the mode hitherto pursued in the Administration of any fund, which the goodness of Government, has from time to time been pleased to grant for the support of the ministers of this Body. We hope what the Synod has this year done, will be satisfactory to your Excellency in this Respect. Firmly attached as we are to the Excellent Constitution of this Realm, under which we certainly feel that we enjoy the most distinguished Blessings, we trust that your Excellency will have the goodness to believe that we will carefully guard against all Innovations, that might tend to Infringe on the Rights of Government, or Impede its kind Intentions towards us.

We acknowledge with Lively Gratitude your Excellency's kind & Condescending Communication Informing us "That his Majesty's "Confidential Servants have come to a Determination to recommend "to the King to encrease the Regium Donum in the next year; and "that a future Communication will be made as to the Amount, and the "Regulations which it may be thought Adviseable to adopt."

Your Excellency will easily conceive the Grateful Emotions which this Gracious Communication excited in our Breasts; and confiding in your Excellencys friendly Disposition and Influence we look forward with pleasing Expectation to the accomplishment of this Benevolent Intention.

Signed in our name, & by our Order, at Cookstown, this 3d day of July 1802.

NATH. SHAW, Moderator.

The Answer of the Lord Lieutenant

To the foregoing Addresses his Excellency was pleased to return the following Gracious Answer:—

I shall have great satisfaction in transmitting to his Majesty your Dutiful, & Loyal Address, and am convinced that the sentiments which you have expressed, of Loyalty, & Attachment to the Person & Government of our most Gracious Sovereign, as well as your Congratulations, on the success of his Majesty's Endeavours to restore to his Dominions the Blessings of Peace, will afford the highest Gratification to his Majesty's mind.

I beg leave to return you, my Grateful Acknowledgments, for the very flattering Expressions of your Esteem, and to assure you, that I am the more sensible of the value of your good Opinion, as I am fully perswaded of the Zeal & Sincerity, with which you will continue to Inculcate & to Confirm both by your Influence & Example, the Essential Principles of Religion, Order, & good Morals.

In the situation in which I have the Honor to be placed, my utmost Ambition is to deserve the Approbation of those who best understand the true Interests of their Country, by a Just & Impartial administration of his Majestys Government, and an unremitting Attention to whatever is likely to ensure the Tranquillity & promote the Prosperity of Ireland.

HARDWICKE.

Overtured.

Overture respecting Elders deferred

That this Synod do determine, for the Information of both Clergy & Laity, what are the Qualifications necessary for Enabling the Laity to act as Regular Elders in this Church. And it is submitted to this Synod that These be the Qualifications;—That they be chosen freely by the People;—That their Election be publickly announced to the Congregation;—That the persons chosen do publickly declare their Acceptance of the office of Elders;—That their names be recorded in the Session book;—And also in the Books of the several Presbyteries to which the Congregations respectively belong. It is also to be understood, that Students in Divinity & Probationers, in this Church may act as Elders for the Congregations in which they reside.

The consideration of the above Overture was deferred till next year.

Keady Erected

A Supplication from that part of the Cong^{on} of Keady, heretofore known, by the name of the minority, was presented to the Synod praying to be Erected into a separate Cong^{on} & to have leave to build a Meeting-house.

The Prayer of the above Supplication was granted & the Congregation put under the care of the Presb. of Tyrone.

N.T.Stewart

A Supplication from the Presbyterian Inhabitants of N.T.Stewart praying to be erected into a New Congregation, was also presented to the Synod.

The Consideration of this Supplication was deferred till next year.

Interloquitur.

The Committee of Accounts report, That they have examined the Accounts of the R.D. from March Quarter 1801, till Decr Quarter 1801, Inclusive. And also the Accounts of the widows fund, from 1st June 1801, till 1st June 1802, and have found them correct & Satisfactory. They farther report :— Report of the Comt^ee of Acct^s

Capital of the Widows fund on 1st June 1802..	£14622 : 11 : 6
Interest arising from the same last year ..	£841 : 10 : 0
Number of Contributers 29th Septr 1801—177.	
Sum by them contributed for one year till that date	£613 : 15 : 9
Number of Annuitants 1st Jan^ry 1802—72.	
Amount of Annuities payable to them at that date	£1178 : 19 : 8

WM. JOHNSTON, Chairman.

A Letter from the Trustees of the Widows fund was read, wherein, after having inspected the accounts, they observe that the fund still continues to encrease, and recommend to the Synod that the Ballance now in the hands of the Agent, viz. £322 : 11 : 6, be laid out, purchasing 3½ ℘ Cent. Debentures, as it is probable those Debentures will never be drawn.

The Moderator is requested to answer the Letter of the Trustees, acknowledging their Attention to our Interests, and that it is our opinion their advice should be complied with.

Resolved that the sum of Eighteen pounds be paid this year to each Annuitant on the fund. £18 0 0 to Annuitants

Resolved that Mr Benjamin Vaughan be requested to accept of a Compliment of fifteen Guineas, as a mark of our Grateful sense of his Services, to be deducted out of the first money, he may have an opportunity of sending; and that our Agent be directed to inform him of said Resolution. Compliment of fifteen Guineas to Mr Vaughan

A Supplication from the Congregation of Drumbo was presented to the Interloq^r, praying that their present minister may enjoy an equal share of the R.D. as well as their late minister. Drumbo

The consideration of the foregoing Supplication was postponed till our next Annual meeting.

Mr James Bankhead gave notice, that he would at our next Annual Meeting, move for a Reduction in our Agent's Fees. Notice of a motion

M^r McCance gave notice that he would also move at that meeting, for a Repeal of the Resolution of Synod, allowing forty shillings to be paid to each minister, who shall answer to his name at the first & last call of the Synods Roll. Notice of a motion

The Moderator concluded the Synod with Prayer.

Inserted 17th Septr 1802 by

ROBERT DICKSON, Clerk of Gen. Synod.

A Gen. Synod at Cookstown 28 *June* 1803.

Mr Shaw the Moderator of the former Synod opened this by preaching from Acts xxvi. 18. Then constituted it by Prayer, after which were present from the several Presbyteries the following members, viz., from :—

Minrs.	Elders.
Derry Presb.	
Dr. Black	
Hugh Brook	
Wm. Cunningham	
Henry Elder	
Richd. Dill	
Jas. Canning	
Matt. Culbert	
David Hamilton	
Wm. Monteith	
Andw. McCaldon	Robt. Little
T. Patrick Presb.	
John Wright	Adam Bole
John Bankhead	Alexr. Horseborough
John Savage	Robt. Lochart
Adam Hill	
Robert Orr	Jas. Barber
Robert Thomson	
Thos. Alexander	Wm. Brown
Robt. Campbell	Wm. Watt
Nath. Alexander	Geo. Macklin
Alexr. Montgomery	Phil. Gibbon
Dromore Presb.	
James Birch	John Baxter
John Thomson	Geo. White
Dr. Little	
John Sherrard	Henry Dickson
Wm. Fletcher	
John McClelland	
Alexr. Patterson	Geo. Scott
John McIlwain	
Hamilton Dobbin	John Livingston
John Huey	Daniel Downes
Belfast Presb.	
Andw. Grier	
Wm. Whitlaw	
Saml. Hanna	Henry Cavert
Saml. Watson	Dr. Lowry
Jas. McCullough	
Henry Simson	
Jas. Riddell	

Minrs.	Elders.
Bangor Presb.	
Andw. Craig	
Josiah Ker	
John Watson	
John Arnold	
Wm. Moreland	
John Mulligan	
Andw. Gowdy	Hugh Galbraith
Dublin Presb.	
Dr. McDowel	
Hugh Moore	
Wm. Wilson	
James Horner	
B.mena Presb.	
James Cuming	John McClure
Thos. Henry	Mr. Kilpatrick
Henry Henry	John Brownlee
Wm. Hamilton	Dr. Patrick
Benjn. Mitchel	John Cochran
Thos. Kinnier	Saml. Stephenson
L.kenny Presb.	
Henry Millar	
John Holmes	
Wm. Ramsay	
Hugh Delap	
Wm. Houston	
James McClintock	
Alexr. Marshal	
Francis Dill	
James Houston	Thos. Kernachan
Saml. Dill	Thos. Elliott
Joseph Lytle, Junr.	
Clogher Presb	
Wm. Moorhead	Saml. King
James Ker	Robt. Armstrong
Andw. Millar	Chas. Stewart
Wm. Johnston	
Jas. Davison	Thos. Cooke
James Hill	

Minrs.	Elders.
Clogher Presb.—continued.	
Booth Caldwell	
Josias Gamble	Saml. Gamble
Root Presb.	
James Elder	John Coulter
Matt. Elder	James Rynolds
Alexr. Martin	Saml. Allen, Esqr.
John Smyth	John Kelso
James Brown	John Matthews
Chas. Kennedy	Thos. Smyth
James Boyle	Adam Hunter, Esqr.
Thos. Grier	Saml. Craig
John Whiteside	
Solomon Brown	Matt. Kevan
Monaghan Presb.	
John Davys	Arthur Windrum
Matt. Trimble	
John McCurdy	
Joseph Denham	
James Walker	
Saml. Kennedy	
James Gowdy	
Henry McIlree	
James Morell	John Jackson
James Wilson	
James Gibson	
Tyrone Presb.	
Dr. Dickson	Saml. Cumming
James Whiteside	Robt. Fulton
Wm. Stitt	Dr. Hamilton
Wm. Moore	Jas. Smyth
Hugh Boylan	Jas. Black
Geo. Dougal	Ben. Barefoot
Thos. McKay	Hugh White
Wm. Read	Ben. Mathewson

Minrs.	Elders.
Tyrone Presb.—continued.	
John Davison	Andw. Rynolds
Robert Stewart	John Anderson
John Cowan	John Leadlie
Moses Chambers	John Alexander
Robt. Hogg	Richard White
Armagh Presb.	
Robert Dickson	
Dr. Neilson	
Thos. Cuming	John Prentice
Nath. Shaw	
Wm. Charleton	John Stephenson
James Bankhead	
Wm. Neilson	Joseph Parks
John Thom	
Strabane Presb.	
Wm. Dunlop	
James Henderson	
Thos. Anderson	
Chas. Hemphill	
Wm. Porter	
David Guilkey	
Presb. Antrim	
James Neilson	
Joseph Osborne	
Wm. Drummond	

Elders from vacant Congregations.

John Gordon from Buckna
Wm. Gibson from Broughshane
Saml. McGowan from Tobermore
Robt. Smyth from Bailyborrough

Mr Shaw having moved that another Modr be chosen to this Synod, the following Brethren were named viz., Revd Messrs Cunningham, McClelland, Grier, Holmes, Moorhead, Elder, Boylan, Horner, Charleton, Thos Henry, & Trimble. The Roll was called & Mr Henry chosen. Mr Dickson continued Clerk. Modr chosen. Mr Dickson continued Clerk

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, & to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning of their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, & Gen. Synods fixed Committee. An account of such ministers as have died, been Ordained or Installed; And of such Candidates as have been Licensed or entered on Tryals since last Gen. Synod. An Account of Annuitants on the Fund: Of any Order to Presbs.

that have died, and of the time when such did Die. Also of such women in their Bounds as have been wives of ministers, & are not on the fund.

Comtee of Accounts

The following members were returned by the several Presbyteries as a Committee to inspect the Accounts of our Agent, viz. Revd Messrs Dill, Thomson, Birch, Hanna, Ker, Cuming, Ramsay, Johnston, Boyle, Grier, Morell, Davison, Thom, Dunlop, & Dr McDowel. They are to meet in the Vestry Room to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Any member may attend to give, or receive Information, but not to vote.

Order to Comtee

Ordered. That said Committee do report to the Interloqr the Amount of the Capital of the Widows fund, with the annual Interest arising from the same. The number of Contributers to the fund, & the sum by them contributed during the last year. Also the Number of Annuitants on the fund, & the sum due & payable to them, from 1st Janry, 1802, till 1st Janry, 1803.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Second Session Wednesday morning 10 *o'clock after prayer.*

Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their members for the several Committees. Also the following Reports :—

Armagh Presb. report, That they have on the fund Mrs Sloan, Mrs Livingston, & families of Messrs Jackson, & Bryson; Not on the fund Mrs Moody.

Suspended

Derry Presb. report, that they have suspended Dr Young from the exercise of all ministerial Functions, *sine die.* That on 8th March last they ordained at Dungiven Mr Andw McCaldon, who is a Contributer to the widows fund. That they have on Tryals Messrs Hall & Mitchel; On the fund Mrs Walker, Mrs Patten, & family of Mr Saml Patten. And that Mrs Walker, Senr, died in March last.

Ordained

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Ordained

L.kenny Presb. report, That the Revd Wm Burke died on 9th of Janry last leaving a widow & children. That they ordained the Revd Joseph Lytle assistant to the Revd Joseph Lytle, Senr, in Letterkenny on 31st May last who is a Contributer to the widows fund. They have on the fund Mrs Delap, Mrs Burke, & families of Messrs Marshal and Holmes.

Dead

Ordained

Bangor Presb. report, That the Revd James Cochran of Ballywalter died on 22d Septr last leaving a widow and children. That on the last Tuesday of Novr they ordained Mr John Mulligan in the Congon of Moira; And on third Tuesday of Decr they ordained Mr Andw Gowdy in the Congon of Ballywalter, both Contributers to the widows fund. And that they have on the fund Mrs Warnick, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Hull, Mrs Bryson, Mrs Dobbin, Mrs Patterson, Mrs Porter, & Mrs Cochran.

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Root Presb. report, That they ordained Mr John Whiteside in Coleraine on the last Tuesday of July, and Mr Solomon Brown at

Castledawson on first Tuesday of Decr last, both subscribers to the W. Confess. of Faith & Contributers to the widows fund. That the Revd Robert Henry of Castledawson died on 1st Novr last, leaving a family. And that they have on the fund Mrs Gaston, Mrs Smylie, Mrs Elder, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Davis, M^{rs} McMillan, Mrs Simson, Mrs Cameron, Mrs Glasgo, Mrs Knox, and families of Messrs Douglas & Henry.

Dromore Presb. report, That they Ordained Mr John Huey minister of the United Congregation of Cregans & N.T.Hamilton on 17th of Aug. last. He subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith, and is a Contributer to the widows fund. That Mr Joseph Hay late minister of Donnoughmore died on 15th of May last, leaving a widow & children. That they have entered on first Tryals Messrs Moses Finlay, W^{m} McGowan, & Fletcher Blakely. And that they have on the fund Mrs Neilson, Mrs Strong, M^{rs} McCombe, Mrs Thomson, Mrs Magee, & Mrs Hay. Ordained Dead 3 on Tryals

T.Patrick Presb. report, That Mr Lewson died on 15th Septr last, leaving a family. That they have on first Tryals Mr Geo. Hay. And on the fund Mrs Dunbar, Mrs White, Mrs Cowan, Mrs Gibson, & family of Mr Lewson. Dead

Tyrone Presb. report, That the Revd Moses Hogg died on 23^{d} Novr last leaving a widow & son. That they ordained the Revd Moses Chambers in N.T.Stewart, on 7th Sept^{r}, & Mr Robert Hogg at Cloveneden on 16th March last; That both subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith, & are Contributers to the widows fund. That they Installed the Revd Dr Wm Steel Dickson in Keady on 4th March last, who continues to be a Contributer to the widows fund. That they have Licensed Mr Toaze, who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith; Have on first Tryals Mr Campbell; & on the fund Mrs Peebles, Mrs Duffin, Mrs Todd, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Adams, & families of Messrs Murray, McClelland, Whiteside, Kennedy, & Hogg. Dead Two Ordained Installed Licensed 1 on Trials

Clogher Presb. have on the fund Mrs Mulligan.

B.mena Presb. report, That they have licensed according to Synodical Regulations Mr Wm Guiler. And that they have on the fund Mrs Brown & Mrs Lindsay. Licensed

Dublin Presb. have on the fund Mrs Rogers.

Belfast Presb. have on the fund Mrs Kinkead, Mrs Kennedy, M^{rs} McEwen, Mrs Rowan, & Mrs Kelburn.

Strabane Presb. report, That they ordained the Revd David Guilky in the Cong^{on} of Omagh, on 3^{d} Feb^{ry} last, who is a Contributer to the widows fund. That they have on first Tryals Mr Jacob Scott; and on the fund Mrs Coulter, Mrs Torbet residing in Scotland, Mrs Caldwell, & family of Mr Osborne. Ordained 1 on Tryals

Monaghan Presb. report, That Mr Whiteside died on 20th of Dec. last, & Mr Montgomery on 1st Jan^{ry} last, each leaving a widow & children. And that they have on the fund Mrs Warnock, Mrs Fleming, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Sprat, Mrs Whiteside & Mrs Montgomery. Two Dead

Gen. Synods fixed Committee for the year 1803.

Presbs.		Minrs.
Armagh,	Messrs	Cuming & Shaw
Derry,	,,	Dr Black & Mr Cunningham
L.kenny,	,,	Ramsay & Wm Houston
Bangor,	,,	Craig & Taggart
Root,	,,	Ja^{s} Brown & Boyle
Dromore,	,,	Birch & Thomson
T.patrick,	,,	Bankhead & Thomson
Tyrone,	,,	Moore & Boylan
Clogher,	,,	Johnston & Davison
B.mena,	,,	Hen. Henry & Hamilton
Strabane,	,,	Dunlop & Porter
Belfast,	,,	Grier & Watson
Dublin,	,,	D^{r} McDowel & Wilson
Monaghan,	,,	Trimble & Morell

These with an Elder from each Presbytery & our Moderator & Clerk are to meet at Cookstown when called by the Moderator on any Emergency, Fifteen to be a Quorum, of whom Twelve at least are to be ministers.

The several Committees are to meet immediately. Adjourned till 2 o'clock.

3^{d} Session Wednesday, 2 o'clock, after prayer.

Synods meeting

Moved that the Time & Place of the Synods next meeting be now determined. Lurgan & Cookstown were named. The Roll was called & it carried to meet at Cookstown on the last Tnesday of June 1804. Divine Service to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

Abstract to be published

Upon reading the minute of last year, appointing a Comt^{ee} to revise & publish the Abstract of the Laws of Synod, prepared by Mr Thomson, the said Comt^{ee} reported, That they thought the Publication of the Abstract Inexpedient, until the meeting of the Synod. The Synod having taken this subject into consideration, ordered, That D^{r}

McDowel & Mr Wilson do immediately take the charge of having 600 copies of said Abstract published, for the use of the Synod and of the Congregations under their Care, and that the Expence of the Publication be paid by our Agent out of the R.D. It was also unanimously agreed to, That the Thanks of this Synod be presented to Mr Thomson for the care & fidelity with which he has executed the Task of preparing this Abstract; And Thanks from the Chair were returned to Mr Thomson accordingly.

The Presb. of Strabane produced an Address to the People under the Pastoral Care of the Synod according to the order of last year. It was read, considered, & approved, and committed to the charge of Messrs Horner & Moore, to have 50 copies for each Congon printed & Distributed as soon as convenient. Address to the People

Ordered, That the Presb. of Derry as being next in the Roll do prepare a similar Address for the next year:

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

4th Session Thursday Morning, 7 o'clock after prayer.

Upon reading the Overture respecting Elders, proposed last year, a long Discussion took place which ended, in appointing a Committee consisting of the Revd Dr McDowel, & Messrs John Thomson, Henry Henry, & Saml Hanna, to revise, modify & bring it forward at next session.

Adjourned till 11 o'clock.

5th Session Thursday 11 o'clock after prayer.

The Committee appointed to revise & modify the Overture respecting Elders, produced it, & [it] is as follows:— Overture respecting Elders

That all persons chosen to act as Elders in any Congon under the care of this Body, & attend our Judicatories, shall be Regular members of the Congon for which they act as Elders; Entitled to its Privileges and contributing to its support. That the choice shall rest with the members of the Congon qualified to vote for a minister:—And that the nomination shall be by the minister & those who have formerly acted as Elders, in that Congon:—And where they refuse to nominate it shall devolve upon the Regular members of the Congon assisted by a minister appointed by the Presbytery for that purpose. That the persons so chosen shall Publickly signify their Acceptance of the office of Elders. And their Election shall be confirmed by the Presbytery, at the next stated meeting, after their Election.

The above Overture unanimously agreed to. Agreed to unanimously

The Application from the Presbyterian Inhabitants of N.T. Stewart & its vicinity, to be erected into a Congregation & deferred for Consideration from last year to this, was renewed. After reasoning on N.T Stewart Erected

the Subject at much length, The Question was put "Erect or Not?" The Roll was called & it carried "Erect." The Congregation was put under the care of the Presbytery of Strabane.

Ruben Rogers

A memorial from Reuben Rogers formerly a Probationer under the care of the Presb. of Derry, was presented to this Synod stating his having been suspended by that Presbytery, from his office as a preacher, some years ago and praying that he may be restored; That he may receive Credentials; and that he may be permitted to put himself under the Care of any Presbytery which he may consider convenient.

The Prayer of the Memorialist unanimously Granted.

John Pinkerton

A Memorial was also presented to the Synod from John Pinkerton, formerly a Probationer under the care of the Presb. of Derry, under similar Circumstances & with a similar Prayer. This also unanimously granted. Both these young men desired to be put under the care of the Presbytery of Tyrone who have agreed to receive them.

Overture agreed to

Overtured, That each Presbytery be enjoined to recommend to each member under its care to be Exemplary in keeping up the worship of God in his family, or where he resides, and in visiting his Cong^on^ from House to House, and in Catechising.

This Overture agreed to unanimously.

Overture agreed to

Overtured, That every minister of this Synod shall have Liberty to celebrate marriage upon Proclamation on one Lords Day. This overture also agreed to.

Overtured & unanimously agreed to, That the following Addresses be presented to his Majesty & his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

May it Please your Majesty,

Address to his Majesty

We your Majesty's most Dutiful & Loyal Subjects the Ministers & Elders of the General Synod of Ulster, embrace with Gladness the opportunity offered, by our Annual Meeting to Express to your Majesty our Zealous & unshaken Attachment to your Majesty's Person, Family & Government.

At this awful Crisis, when the Peace & Liberty of the Empire are threatened by the Restless Ambition of an Insulting Enemy, We beg permission to make a tender of our best Exertions, in union with the rest of your Majestys Subjects, to avert the Common Danger.

May He by whom Kings reign, bless your Majesty with his richest Blessings. May He give Wisdom to your Majestys Councils, Strength to your Arms, and persevering Fortitude to your People. May they feel that it is for their dearest Interests, that your Majesty is contending; And in this conviction, may their Hearts be united as the Heart of one man, until the Sovereign of the Universe, shall have crowned with success your Majesty's Endeavours to Re-establish Peace, upon an honourable and lasting foundation.

Signed in our name & by our Order at Cookstown

1st July 1803. THOS. HENRY, Mod^r^.

May it please your Excellency

We the Ministers and Elders of the Gen. Synod of Ulster, take the Liberty of respectfully entreating your Excellency to transmit to our most Gracious Sovereign the humble Address herewith delivered to your Excellency. Address to the Ld Lieutenant

Permit us to take the Opportunity of expressing our unfeigned and grateful sense of the Benefits derived to this Country, from your Excellency's wise, Impartial, & Conciliatory Administration and to unite our voice with that of an approving People, in offering an humble Tribute to Public worth so Conspicious, and to private virtue so exemplary.

Signed in our name & by our order at Cookstown.

1st July 1803. THOS. HENRY, Modr.

Ordered. That the Address to his Majesty & the Lord Lieutenant be signed by the Modr & by him transmitted to his Excellency; and that They, with his Excellency's Answer, when received, be published in the *Dublin Evening Post, Dublin Journal, Belfast News-Letter,* & *Londonderry Journal.* Address to be Published

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

6th Session Friday morning, 7 o'clock, after Prayer.

Moved, That the Minute of 1785, respecting marriage be read; which being read is as follows: Marriage

"Every Minister of this Synod who shall join in Marriage any "man or woman not under his particular Care, or if not duely certified "by the Minister or Session of the Congon of which they are members; "shall for the first Offence be suspended *ab officio* for three Lords days, "and for the second offence be Degraded.—And when either of "the Parties shall be members of the Established Church, he shall not "celebrate any Matrimonial Contract, without the consent in writing "of the Rector, Curate, or other officiating Clergyman, of the Parish "in which said Party shall reside, under pain of incurring the like "Penalties."

On which it was moved & unanimously agreed to, that the Penalties be thus amended; That any Minister violating that Rule, shall for the first offence be suspended *ab officio* one month, for the second three months & for the third shall be Degraded.

A Copy of this minute, with the Regulation to which it refers, to be forwarded by the member of the respective Presbytery, to whom the Synods Minutes shall be sent, to every member of his Presbytery, & by them shall be read from the Pulpit, for the Information of their Congregations.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till half-past 10 o'clock.

7th Session Friday half-past 10 *o'clock after prayer.*

Notice of a motion

Mr James Bankhead gave notice that he would at next meeting of the Synod bring forward a motion for amending, the Law respecting the admission of men, not members of the Synod to officiate in our Congregations.

A Letter from his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, addressed to the Ministers of the Synod through the Moderator, was read, communicating the Plan for Augmentation & Distribution of his Majestys Bounty, which his Majestys Ministers have formed.

The Letter & Plan are as follow: —

Dublin Castle, 26 June, 1803.

Sir,

Letter from the Lord Lieutenant

In pursuance of the Communication made to the Ministers of the Synod of Ulster at their last meeting of the Disposition entertained by his Majestys Ministers to advise his Majesty to augment the Royal Bounty, hitherto given by his Majesty & his Predecessors to the Protestant Dissenting Ministers in Ireland, under such Regulations, as might appear to them most adviseable, I have the Honor of Inclosing, by the Lord Lieutenants Command, the proposed system of Distribution & Regulation and am to request that you will lay it before the Ministers of the Synod, and to acquaint them, that in the Event of their accepting of the same the Kings Ministers will be disposed, humbly to move his Majesty to carry the measure, into immediate Execution.

This system studiously avoids Interfering with the Discipline of the Presbyterian Church. It is wholly confined to the Administration of the fund itself, and rests upon two simple & obviously wise Principles of Policy; the one calculated in aid of the vigilance of their own Body, to give Additional Protection against the Disgrace & Evil that would attend the appointment of a Disloyal Minister; the other to hold out to Individuals the means of advancing themselves by the superior endowments of Piety & Learning. The latter effect cannot fail to be produced by a proper Gradation of Emolument, and the former will be in a great Degree secured by the proposed Regulations, without affecting the Usage of choosing & retaining ministers who may possess their Confidence, which has been invariably exercised by the respective Congregations.

I have the Honor to be Sir your most obedient humble Servt

A. MARSDEN.

The Revd the Moderator of the Synod of Ulster.

THE PLAN.

The 186 Congregations, of which the Protestant Dissenters in the North of Ireland, forming the Synod of Ulster are composed, to be divided into three Classes, regulated according to the number of their respective Congregations, & the stipend allowed to their ministers.

In the first class each minister to receive £100 ℔ an. In the second class each minister to receive £75 ℔ an. In the third class each minister to receive £50 ℔ annum.

The Particular Congregations of which each Class is respectively composed, to be hereafter named.

In the amount of the above sum, the Royal Bounty, now received by the Protestant Dissenting Ministers, is of course included.

The Bounty to be payable to each minister by the Agent appointed by Government, for the Distribution of his Majesty's Bounty upon a Warrant specifying the names of the several ministers, to whom the same is respectively payable.

The names of all Congregations to be included as of course in the Original Warrant: and the Bounty once granted in no case to be withdrawn from any minister during his continuance in the Charge of that particular Congregation. so long as it shall please his Majesty to continue the Bounty to the Body at large.

Upon any Congregation becoming vacant, the Moderator of the Synod shall certify the same to the office of the Chief Secretary; and upon the appointment of a minister to the Congregation, the minister so appointed shall transmit his memorial certified by the Moderator to the Lord Lieutenant desiring that a warrant may Issue granting to the memoralist the usual Bounty paid to the minister of the said Congregation. In case his Excellency shall see no reason to the contrary, a warrant in the usual form to Issue, entitling the minister named therein, to the Bounty, so long as he shall continue in that Congregation.

The same proceeding to take place upon the removal of a minister from one Congregation to another, as upon his first appointment.

The memorial to be accompanied by a Certificate signed by Two Magistrates, stating that the Memoralist has taken, & subscribed before them the oath of Allegiance.

Motion for an Address to the Lord Lieutenant

Moved by Dr Black that an humble Address be presented to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, to thank him for his kind Communication of the Plan, on which his Majesty's Ministers were disposed to augment the Royal Bounty and to express our hearty & grateful Acceptance of the same.

On this motion the previous Question was moved & argued at considerable length. At last the Roll being called on the Question "Put" or "Not?" It carried "Put."

The Original motion being then put, it carried in the Affirmative.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at half-past 6 o'clock.

8th Session Saturday morning half-past six o'clock, after prayer.

On reading the minute of yesterday, respecting the Address to the Lord Lieutenant, It was moved, That the Consideration of that Business

be adjourned till Tuesday se'nnight. After some Discussion the Question was put "Adjourn, or Not?" The Roll being called it passed in the Negative.

Protest against said Address & Reasons

Against this Decision, the Revd Henry Henry entered a Protest for the following Reasons:—

1. Because I conceive our Heavenly Master has forbidden Classification in his Church, and the Example of the only Synod recorded in the New Testament is in opposition to it.

2. Because the Synod refused to submit the Governament Plan of Classification with its Conditions to the Consideration of its respective Cong^ons.

3. Because Classified Churches are & have been the most venal of all others, generally surrounded with external Pomp & Luxury.

4. Because the Synod is Classified by a Power without itself viz. the Magistracy of the Country, who as such are not Church Governors, & therefore have no right to Classify this Synod.

5. Because the Conditions of the above Plan will at least Indirectly Intrench on the Privileges of Presbyterians relating to the Election & Emoluments of their Clergy.

Henry Henry.

Agreeably to Dr Blacks motion, an Address to the Lord Lieutenant was now produced, read, & unananimously agreed to, and our Moderator, D^r McDowel, Dr Black, Mr Shaw, & Adam Hunter, Esqr. an Elder, were appointed Commissioners to present the same to his Excellency.

It is as follows:—

TO HIS EXCELLENCY PHILIP EARL HARDWICKE, LORD LIEUTENANT GENERAL, & GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

May it please your Excellency,

We the members of the Gen. Synod of Ulster beg leave to express our Warm & Grateful acknowledgements for your Excellencys kind Communication of the Intention of his Majesty's confidential Ministers, to advise his Majesty to augment the Provision for the Support of the Ministers of this Synod, according to a Plan which your Excellency has been so good as to submit to our Consideration.

We Entreat your Excellency to believe, That we are highly Sensible of the Generous, & Liberal Terms, on which his Majesty's Bounty is proposed to be extended; And that we shall accept the offered Kindness with a Gratitude proportioned to the value of the Gift.

Signed in our name & by our order at Cookstown.

1st July 1803. THOS. HENRY, Mod^r.

Interloqr Friday 4 o'clock afternoon.

The Committee of Accounts report, That the

Report of Comtee of Accounts

Capital of the Widows fund 1st June 1803 was	£14690 : 17 : 4
Interest arising from the same last year ..	£848 : 10 : 0
Number of Contributers 29th Septr 1802—179.	
Sum by them contributed for one year till that date	£602 : 15 : 1
Annuitants on the fund 1st Janry 1803—78.	
Amount of Annuities payable to them at that date	£1308 : 12 : 7

That they examined the Accounts of the R.D. till Decr Qur 1802, Inclusive, and also the Accounts of the Widows fund till 1st June 1803, & found them correct and satisfactory.

SAMUEL HANNA, Chairman.

Letter from the Trustees

A Letter from the Trustees of the Widows fund was read, stating that the accounts of the fund had been examined & found correct. That four Debentures in the 3½ ℔ Cents had been purchased agreeably to the Resolution of last year. That the number of Annuitants had encreased, but that no Inconvenience or Diminution of the Capital had taken place, tho' the Addition of consequence was very small viz., £68 : 5 : 10.

Modr to answer it

Ordered, that the Modr do answer the letter of the Trustees.

Saturday morning.

Mr Vaughan

Dr Black reported, That agreeably to Order, he had paid the sum of fifteen Guineas to Mr Vaughan.

Drumbo & Mr Riddell

The minute of last year concerning Drumbo was read, and after much Discussion, the Question was put, "Is Mr Riddell entitled to R.D. or Not?" The Roll being called it carried, "Entitled."

It was then moved, That Mr Riddell be entitled to R.D. from his Ordination; on which the Roll being called it carried "Not."

Resolution of 1794 repealed

It was moved & unanimously agreed to, That the Resolution of the year 1794 "That only one equal Share of the Royal Bounty should be allowed to each Congregation" be repealed.

Mrs Barr

A memorial was presented from Mrs Barr, widow of Mr Barr, formerly minister of Moywater praying that this Synod would take her distressed state into their Charitable Consideration. After some Conversation it was resolved, That our Agent be directed to pay her the sum of £75 : 0 : 0, out of the first R.D. which he shall receive.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with Prayer.

Inserted 2d Septr 1803 by

ROBERT DICKSON, Clerk of Gen. Synod.

A Gen. Synod at Cookstown, 26 June, 1804.

Mr Henry, the Moderator of the former Synod opened this, by preaching from Matt. xxiii. 9, 10. Then constituted it by Prayer. After which were present from the Several Presbyteries the following members, viz. from :—

Minrs.	Elders.
Templepatrick Presb.	
Adam Hill	
Robert Orr	Wm. McMaster
Robert Thomson	
Robert Campbell	
Nath. Alexander	Thos. Hyndman
Dromore Presb.	
Saml. Barber	Gilbert Adams
James Birch	James McAdam
John Thomson	John Brice
Dr. Little	
John Sherrard	Henry Dickson
John McClelland	
Alexr. Patterson	
John McIlwaine	
John Hoey	Jas. Clark
Belfast Presb.	
Wm. Whitlaw	
Saml. Hanna	John Kilpatrick
Jas. McCullough	Thos. Moore
Henry Simson	
James Riddell	
Bangor Presb.	
James Sinclair	
David Taggart	
Robert Acheson	John Kelly
Josiah Kerr	
John Arnold	
John Watson	
Wm. Moreland	
John Mulligan	
Dublin Presb.	
Doctor McDowel	
James Horner	
Ballymena Presbytery.	
James Cuming	John Foster
Alexr. Speer	
Thos. Henry	Alexr. Kirkpatrick
Ballymena Presbytery—continued.	
Henry Henry	Jas. Kennedy
Wm. Hamilton	
Benjamin Mitchel	
Letterkenny Presb.	
David Allen	
Henry Millar	
John Holmes	
Wm. Ramsay	
Hugh Delap	
Francis Dill	
Saml. Dill	
Joseph Lytle, Junr.	
William Burke	
Alexr. Marshal	
Clogher Presb.	
James Kerr	
Andw. Millar	John Johnston
Wm. Johnston	
James Davison	
James Hall	
Booth Caldwell	
Josias Gamble	
Root Presb.	
Robert Thomson	
Robert Rentonl	John Giffen
Matthew Elder	
Daniel Blair	
James Boyle	John Boylan
Thos. Greer	David Kennedy
John Whiteside	
Solomon Brown	Jas. Cooper
Monaghan Presbytery	
William Moore	
Matt. Trimble	
James Walker	
Saml. Kennedy	
James Gowdy	
Henry McIlree	Joseph Gibson
James Morell	

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Monaghan Presbytery—continued.		Strabane Presb.	
James Gibson	Wm. Gray	Wm. Dunlop	
John Kelso	Robert Smyth	Charles Hemphill	
Archd. Maharg	Adam Henry	William Porter	
Tyrone Presb.		Derry Presb.	
Dr. Dickson	Henry McWilliam	Doctor Black	
James Whiteside		Francis Gray	
Wm. Moore	Wm. Harkness	Wm. Cunningham	
Hugh Boylan	Geo. Barton	Robert Caldwell	
Geo. Dougal	Wm. Dunlop	Henry Elder	
Thos. McCay	John Sloan	Richard Dill	
John Davison	Josiah Fleming	Matt. Culbert	
William Read		James Allison	John Mitchel
Robert Stewart	John Kennedy	Wm. Monteith	
John Cowan	Gabriel George	Matt. Herron	
Moses Chambers	Alexr. Holmes	Andw. McCaldin	
Armagh Presbytery.		Elders from vacant Congregations.	
Robert Dickson		John McMurry	Lurgan
Dr. Neilson		Dr. Hamilton	Dungannon
Thos. Cuming		Andw. McGowan	Port Norris.
Nath. Shaw	Henry Wier		
Wm. Charleton	Wm. McClean		
Wm. Neilson			
James Bankhead			

Mr Henry having moved, that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, the following Brethren were named viz. Revd Messrs Hill, McClelland, Hanna, Sinclair, Horner, Jas Cuming, Holmes, Kerr, Rentoul, Moore, Boylan, & Charleton.—The Roll was called & Mr Horner, chosen. Mr Dickson, continued Clerk. Modr chosen Clk. continued

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night & to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning of their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, & General Synods fixed Committee. An account of such ministers as have died, been ordained, or Installed. And of such Candidates as have been licensed, or entered on Tryals since last General Synod. An account of the Annuitants on the Fund; of any that have died; and of the time when such did die. Also of such women in their Bounds as have been wives of Ministers & are not on the fund. Order to Presbs

The following members were returned by the several Presbs. as a Committee to inspect the accounts of our Agent, viz. Revd Messrs John Thomson, Jas Birch, Henry Simson, Josiah Kerr, Doctor McDowel, Jas Cuming, Hugh Delap, Wm Johnston, Robt. Thomson, Root Wm Moore, Monaghan, John Davison, Wm Charleton, Francis Gray & James Neilson. They are to meet in the Vestry Room to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock; Any member may attend to give, or to receive Information, but not to vote. Comtee of Accounts

Order to said Comtes

Ordered, That the said Committee do report to the Interloqr the Amount of the Capital of the widows fund, with the Annual Interest arising from the same. The Number of Contributers to the fund, & the sum by them contributed during the last year. Also the number of Annuitants on the fund, & the sum due & payable to them from 1st Janry 1803 till 1st Janry 1804.

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Second Session Wednesday Morning, 10 o'clock, after Prayer.

Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their members for the several Comtees. Also the following Reports.

Two ordained

Monaghan Presb. report, That they ordained at Bailyborrough John Kelso, on 7th of Febry last, & Archd Maharg, at Stonebridge, on 5th June Inst. both Contributers to the widows fund. And that they have on the fund Mrs Sprat, Mrs Fleming, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Warnock, Mrs Montgomery, & Mrs Whiteside.

Ordained

L.kenny Presb. report, That they ordained the Revd Wm Burke, in the Congregation of Rathmelton on 20th June Inst. He is a Contributer to the Widows fund. They have on the fund Mrs Delap, Mrs Burke, & family of Mr Holmes.

Belfast Presb. report, That David Bennet, is under first Tryals, That they have on the fund Mrs Kinkead, Mrs Kennedy, Mrs McEwen, Mrs Rowan & Mrs Kelburn.

B.mena, Presb. report, That they have entered on Tryals Messrs James Johnston, & — Kennedy.—Widows on the fund Mrs Brown, & Mrs Lindsay.

Armagh Presb. report, That they have admitted to first Tryals Mr Robert Neilson; and that they have on the fund Mrs Sloan, Mrs Livingson, & family of Mr Bryson. Not on the fund Mrs Moody.

Retired

The Presb. of Clogher report, That Mr Gamble, retired from the exercise of the ministerial functions in the Congon of Enniskillen on the first Tuesday of Febry last. That they have on Second Tryals Mr Ephraim Stephenson, preparatory to his Ordination. They have on the fund Mrs Mulligan.

2 Licensed

Two dead

A widow dead

Dromore Presb. report, That they have licensed Messrs Moses Finlay & Wm McGowan, who subscribed the Confession of Faith. That Mr John Smyth, died on 27th of May last & left a widow & family. That Mr Francis Turretine, died on 9th of June Inst, being a Bachelor. That Mrs Neilson, widow of the Revd Alexr Neilson, died on 9th of April last. They have on the fund, Mrs Strong, Mrs McCombe, Mrs Thomson, Mrs Magee, Mrs Hay, & Mrs Smyth.

Dead

Strabane Presb. report, That Mr Hamill died on 7th of Decr last leaving a widow & family. They have licensed Mr Jacob Scott, & have on the fund Mrs Coulter, Mrs Torbet, Mrs Hamill & family of Mr Osborne.

Derry Presb. report, That they licensed Mr John Hall to preach the Gospel the second of August last. They have on first Tryals Mr John Mitchel. That Mr Scott of Donagh died on first of Octr last leaving a widow & family. They have on the fund Mrs Walker, Junr, Mrs Patton, Mrs Scott, & family of Mr Saml Patton. Licensed Dead

Bangor Presb. report, That they have licensed according to Synodical Regulations on the first Tuesday of Novr last Mr James Lunn, and that they have on the fund Mrs Warnock, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Hull, Mrs Bryson, Mrs Dobbin, Mrs Patterson, Mrs Porter & Mrs Cochran. Licensed

Root Presb. report, That they have entered on Tryals Mr Charles Gray. They have on the fund Mrs Gaston, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Elder, Mrs Davis, Mrs McMullan, Mrs Simson, Mrs Cameron, Mrs Knox, Mrs Glascow, & family of Mr Henry.

T.patrick Presb. report, That they have entered on first Tryals Mr Wm Moore, and have on the fund Mrs Dunbar, Mrs White, Mrs Cowan, Mrs Gibson, & family of Mr Lewson.

Dublin Presb. report, That they have licensed Mr Wm Burke who subscribed the Westmr Conf. of Faith. That they have in their bounds, Mrs Rogers widdow of the late Robt Rogers of Corboy County Longford. Licensed

Tyrone Presb. report, That the Revd Wm Stitt departed this life on the first of Septr last, leaving a widow & family. Mrs Todd died on the sixth of Septr last. They have on first Tryals Mr Campbell & Mr Black. They have on the fund Mrs Peebles, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Adams, Mrs Stitt, & families of Mr McClelland, Mr Kennedy & Mr Hogg. Dead Widow dead

General Synods fixed Committee for the year 1804.

Presbs.		Minrs.
Monaghan,	Messrs	Trimble & Gowdy
Letterkenny,	,,	Hu. Delap & Fr. Dill
Belfast,	,,	Simson & Whitlaw
B.mena,	,,	Hamilton & Mitchel
Armagh,	,,	Cuming & Shaw
Clogher,	,,	Johnston & Davison
Dromore,	,,	Barber & Thomson
Strabane,	,,	Dunlop & Guilkie
Derry,	,,	Dill & Monteith
Bangor,	,,	Taggart & Acheson

Presbs.	Minrs.
Root,	Messrs Boyle & Matt. Elder
T.patrick,	,, Hill & Thomson
Dublin,	,, Horner & Moore
Tyrone,	,, Dr Dickson & Mr Whiteside

Committees to meet immediately. Adjourned till half-past twelve o'clock.

Third Session Wednesday half-past 12 *o'clock.*

Moved, that the time & place of our next meeting be now settled. Cookstown & Lurgan were put in nomination. The Roll was called & the vote was carried for Cookstown. The meeting to take place on the last Tuesday of June next. Divine Service to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

According to the order of last year the Presb. of Derry produced a Pastoral Address to the People under the Care of the Synod, which was read, considered, & approved of, & committed to the care of our Moderator to have fifty copies for each Cong^{on} printed & distributed without delay. And the Presb. of Templepatrick as being next in the Roll is ordered to prepare a similar Address for the ensuing year.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Fourth Session Thursday Morning, 10 *o'clock after Prayer.*

Proclamation optional

Protest against it by Dr McDowel

On reading the Overture of last year permitting Ministers to celebrate marriage, on one days Proclamation, it was moved & agreed to "that Proclamation be Optional." Against this Resolution D^{r} McDowel entered his Protest & begged leave to assign his Reasons in due time.

Motion respecting Marriage adjourned till next Synod

The Regulations of last year & of 1785, respecting marriage being read the following farther Amendments were moved:—That any minister belonging to this Body who shall Join in marriage any man or woman, not under his particular Care, but belonging to the Pastoral Charge of some other minister of this Body, without the consent of the minister, or, in case of vacancy, of the Session, to which such Person or Persons may belong, shall for the first offence be suspended *ab officio*, one month; for the second, three months; & for the third be degraded. And that no minister of this Synod shall on any account or under any pretext whatever, solemnize marriage between any man & woman, when either of the Parties, shall be a member of the Established Church, under the penalty of being for the first Offence suspended *ab officio* for three months, and of being for the second Offence degraded.

After a long Discussion it was moved & unanimously agreed to, that the farther consideration of this subject be adjourned till next year.

Moved, That it is the sense of this Synod that its members are in duty bound to marry their Hearers without any pecuniary Charge whatsoever. On this Motion the previous question was put & carried.

Motion yt ministers do marry their hearers gratis not put

Mr Hanna gave notice, that at next meeting of Synod, he will bring forward, a motion for prosecuting according to Law, for celebrating Marriages, those persons who once were members of this Body but have been degraded.

Notice of a motion by Mr Hanna

Agreeably to the notice of last year Mr James Bankhead brought forward the following motion :—

Whereas it appears, that our Laws respecting the Admission of men, not members of this Body, or Licentiates under its Care to officiate for us, are too generally expressed to be of practical use, It is now enacted that no man, not a member of this Body, or a Licentiate under its care (The Presbytery of Antrim & Southern Association excepted) shall be permitted to officiate for us in our Congregations, until he shall first submit, his credentials to the Presbytery in whose bounds he wishes to preach & until he shall be approved of by the Presbytery.— And any Minister of this Body, violating this Law, shall for the first Offence be publickly rebuked by his Presbytery before his Congregation; and for the second, be suspended *ab officio, sine die.*

Motion of Mr Jas Bankhead respecting such ministers as are to be admitted to preach in our Pulpits agreed to

The above motion agreed to. Dr McDowel, dissented & signified his Intention of producing his Reasons for protesting in due time.

Protested against by Dr McDowel

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

Fifth Session Friday Morning 7 o'clock, after Prayer.

It was moved & unanimously agreed to, that no Minister of this Synod, shall on any account whatever, demand or exact money for celebrating marriage, or Commute Proclamation for money. And it is ordered that this Rule be read from the Pulpit in every Congregation, within the bounds of the Synod.

Minrs not to demand or exact money for celebrating marriage

Dr Black, by order of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, stated for the Information of the ministers of the Synod, that it was his Excellency's direction—"That when any Person shall be appointed as "Assistant to the minister of any Congregation with the view that "such Assistant shall succeed to said Congregation on the demise of "the said minister, the same Communication shall be made to his "Excellency as is directed in the Appointment of a minister to a "vacant Congregation; and when his Excellency shall have approved "of the Appointment of such Assistant, no Communication of his "afterwards succeeding to the Congon shall be deemed necessary."

Assistant ministers once approved not to be again certified

Dr Black also, in pursuance of the Order of his Excellency, read the Instructions which he had received as Agent for his Majesty's Royal Bounty, an attested Copy of which he afterwards delivered to the Moderator, which is *in Retentis.*

OVERTURES.

Students to be examined previous to going to College

I. 1. That Students who intend to become Candidates for the ministry, shall be examined before their going to College by the Presbyteries, in whose bounds they reside, of their skill in the Greek, Latin, & English Languages, Geography and Roman & Grecian History.

2. That the Books used for Examination in Latin & Greek, shall be Virgil, Horace, Salust & Cicero de Officiis; Greek Testament, Lucian, Epictetus, Homer, & Xenophons, Cyropaedia.

3. That the Presbyteries shall report to the Synod, at its Annual Meetings the names of such Students as they have examined & approved of.

Three years study & a degree in Arts & afterwards two years attendance on Lectures in Divinity necessary

4. That no Candidate for the Ministry shall be received on Tryals in any Presbytery belonging to this Synod, until he shall have produced satisfactory Testimonials of his having studied in some regular Seminary of Learning at least three full sessions: of his having taken a Degree in Arts: and afterwards attended for two sessions of five months, at least, each, Lectures in Divinity & during the same time, studied the Hebrew Language & Church History.

5. Should any Presbytery license any young man to preach the Gospel in violation of these Rules, such License shall be deemed null & void, & the Presbytery so offending subjected to the severe Censure of this Synod.

It is understood, that these Regulations shall not affect any student, who may have at this date attended more than two sessions of College, provided the Regulations of 1770 for the admission of Candidates for the ministry on Tryals shall have been complied with.

The above Regulations were considered & unanimously adopted accompanied with an Earnest Recommendation to all Students in Divinity, to pay particular attention to the Study of Elocution.

II. That the sum paid to Probationers for supplying vacant Congregations under the Care of this Synod by Presbyterial appointment shall be for each Lords Day as follows:—

Sum to be paid to Probationers

From every Congregation paying less than £40 stipend half a Guinea: From every Congon paying £40 ℔ annum & less than £60, sixteen shillings & three pence: And from every Congregation paying £60 ℔ annum & upwards one Guinea.

III. ADDRESS TO THE KING.

Address to the King

May it please your Majesty

We your Majestys most Dutiful & Loyal Subjects the Ministers & Elders of the General Synod of Ulster assembled at our annual Meeting, beg leave to offer to your Majesty our humble & Grateful acknowledgments for the liberal addition which your Majesty has been graciously pleased to make to the Royal Fund for maintaining a Christian Ministry among us.

Our forefathers were originally settled in this Kingdom, by the Invitation, & under the Protection of one of your Majesty's Predecessors; and they & their Posterity have enjoyed in Succeeding Reigns very flattering Proofs of Royal favour. But it has been reserved for your Majesty to have conferred on the Presbyterians of Ireland more efficient marks of Protection & Regard, than they had experienced, since the Period of their first Settlement. We are now called for the third time to the pleasing Duty of returning to your Majesty our warm & heartfelt Thanks.

By your Majesty's Bounty, in Addition to the contributions of the People connected with us, a Provision is now made, which we trust will be found adequate to the encouragement & moderate support, of a well educated & faithful ministry in our Communion. And while our Children's Children shall enjoy the fruits of your Majesty's Liberality, in the Provision thus made, for their Moral & Religious Instruction, their Blessings will Embalm the Memory of the Prince, to whom under Providence they owe it.

To the Arduous, but Dignified Contest in which your Majesty is at present engaged, we look with earnest but not desponding eyes: Independently of the Zeal, Spirit & Loyalty of your Majestys Subjects, (which at no period of our History were ever greater) we believe that there is a God who presides over the Affairs of men, and that tho' for wise Reasons, He may permit the wicked to proceed to certain lengths in their unrighteous Career, yet when he shall arise in Judgment, "the wrath of man shall be made to praise him, & the remainder of wrath shall he restrain."

In your Majesty's Recovery from a late Indisposition we recognise with gratitude the Kindness of God, to this United Empire: We Bless him for his Goodness, and we Join our earnest Prayers to those of all your Majesty's Loyal Subjects, that He may grant to your Majesty a long & Prosperous Reign, give you the Victory over all your Enemies & finally an Enterance into his Everlasting Kingdom.

Signed in our name, & by our Order at Cookstown, this 28 day of June 1804.

JAMES HORNER, Moderator.

To the Lord Lieutenant

IV. ADDRESS TO THE LORD LIEUTENANT.

May it please your Excellency,

We his Majesty's most Dutiful & Loyal Subjects the Ministers & Elders of the General Synod of Ulster, request that your Excellency may be pleased to transmit to our Gracious Sovereign, the humble & dutiful Address, which we herewith present to your Excellency.

We have great satisfaction in again adding our acknowledgments of your Excellency's enlightened Just & Impartial Administration to those of a Grateful People : And we feel particular pleasure in reflecting that the Important Measure of providing a decent & competent Support for the the Teachers of Religion among the Presbyterians of Ireland, has been finally accomplished during your Excellency's Government.

We are well informed of your Excellencys kind & favourable Representations on our behalf & we are heartily Grateful for the beneficial Effects which they have produced. These we trust will be sensibly felt & acknowledged, & that not only the present Generation of Irish Presbyterians, but their most remote Posterity will be taught to associate the revered name of Hardwick with those of their most distinguished Benefactors.

Signed in our name, & by our Order at Cookstown 28 June 1804,

JAMES HORNER, Moderator.

To Lord Castlereagh

V. ADDRESS TO LORD CASTLEREAGH.

My Lord,

We the Ministers & Elders of the General Synod of Ulster, having discharged an Incumbent and most agreeable Duty in tendering to our Sovereign our grateful thanks for the late Extension of his Royal Bounty, would consider ourselves deficient in Gratitude, if we omitted to express to your Lordship, the strong & affectionate feelings which your Lordships zealous & persevering friendship has impressed upon our minds.

We are happy to reflect that this Important Measure, so beneficial in its publick & private Consequences, originated with an Administration of which your Lordship formed an Efficient part; And we are gratefully sensible that you never ceased to employ your powerful Influence, derived from great Talents, & Eminent Services, until it was brought to a happy Issue.

We beg permission therefore to enter on our Records, & by so doing to transmit to Posterity, this Testimonial of our Gratitude to a Nobleman, whom we are proud to call our Hereditary Friend. We earnestly pray, that your Lordships valuable life may be prolonged until you see

the fruits of your labours in the encreased Learning, Piety, & usefulness of that Portion of his Majesty's Subjects to which your Lordship has extended your Patronage & Support.

Signed in our name, & by our Order at Cookstown 28 June 1804,

JAMES HORNER, Moderator.

The above Overtures were unanimously agreed to, and our Moderator, Dr McDowel, Mr John Thomson, Dr Black & the Lord Mayor of Dublin were appointed Commissioners to present to the Lord Lieutenant the Addresses to his Majesty & to his Excellency: and it was ordered, that the Address to Lord Castlereagh be signed by the Moderator, & be by him transmitted to his Lordship, and that the Addresses with their Answers be published in the *Dublin Journal, Dublin Evening Post, Belfast News-Letter & Derry Journal.*

Mr Henry the late Moderator read the following letter from Lord Pelham in answer to the Synods Address of last year to his Majesty:—

Whitehall 4th Aug. 1803.

My Lord,

I have had the Honor to present to the King the very Loyal & Dutiful Address of the ministers & Synod of Ulster, and I have the satisfaction of informing your Excellency that his Majesty was pleased to receive the same in the most Gracious manner. Answer to our Address of last year

I am with Truth & Respect my Lord, your Excellency's most obedient humble servant,

PELHAM.

His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

A Memorial was presented to the Synod from certain persons in the Congon of Clare, praying to be disannexed from the Presb. of Armagh & be put under the Care of the Presbytery of Tyrone. A Supplication was also presented from another part of the Congon of Clare, praying to be continued under the Care of the Presb. of Armagh, & expressing Gratitude for the Attention which that Presbytery had always shewn to the Interests of that Congregation. Clare

The Commisssioners from both Parties being ordered to withdraw, and the members of the Presb. of Armagh being heard on the subject, at considerable length, It was moved & unanimously agreed to, that the Prayer of the memorial be rejected; that the Conduct of the Presb. of Armagh throughout be approved; and that the Congon of Clare be put under the Care of a Committee of the Synod, consisting of the following Members viz. Revd Messrs Birch, Reid, Trimble, Barber, & Patterson, who are to take charge of the Congon until they see fit to restore it to the Presbytery of Armagh.

A Paper was presented from the Second Congon of Keady, praying the Synod to give Information, why it had not been included in the late negociation of the Synod with Government, & why it should be precluded the Benefit of Bounty. The Synod not considering itself Keady

competent at present to give the Cong^{on} any aid in this Business, resolved to dismiss the Application.

Donegal Street Cong^{on}

A Memorial was presented from the Cong^{n} of Donegal-Street, Belfast, complaining of being aggrieved in being put in the Second Class, in the late arrangement of Royal Bounty; & praying the Interference of this Body, so that memoralists may be placed in the situation they are entitled to by the spirit of the Classification.

The Synod resolved, that it was not competent to interfere in this business.

Appeal against Presb. of L.Kenny

A Supplication was presented to the Synod by the Revd Francis Dill & the Revd Samuel Dill, complaining of the Presbytery of Letterkenny, for not having tried the Revd James Delap in respect to several Immoralities alledged against him, furnishing the Reasons of Supplicants Protest, against the Decision of said Presbytery & praying the Synod to take these Reasons into Consideration.

These Gentlemen being heard at considerable length in Support of their supplication; and Mr Ramsay & other members of the Presbytery in Answer; a motion was made, that the Appeal should be sustained, & that the Conduct of the Presbytery should be disapproved of; which was agreed to. It was then moved & unanimously agreed to, That the Presbytery of Letterkenny be admonished with respect to its Irregular Conduct, in this Business, by the Moderator, and the Presbytery was accordingly admonished.

Dr Little & Jos Morrison

A Memorial signed Joseph Little, a member of the Presb. of Dromore, appealing from the Judgment of his Presbytery in approving the Conduct of its Committee in polling the Congregation of Donoughmore: As also the supplication of Joseph Morrison, in his own name & in the name of near one hundred others, complaining that their Rights & Privileges had been violated by the Principle on which the Poll for Mr Finlay had been taken, & praying for a new Poll, were read. After hearing the Parties for & against the Appeal & Supplication, it was moved & agreed to, that the Appeal & Supplication be dismissed.

Mrs Whiteside

A Memorial from the widow of the late Mr Whiteside of Stonebridge, praying the Synod to adopt such measures, as will cause an Arrear of Stipend due to her late husband to be paid, being read, it was resolved; that a Committee consisting of the following members, viz. Messrs And^{w} Millar, Hugh Boylan, Wm Johnston, & James Davison, shall meet on the first Tuesday of August next at Stonebridge, to settle the affair.

Newton Stewart

A Memorial from certain members of the lately erected Cong^{on} of Newton Stewart, praying the Synod to direct them how the Cong^{on} may procure a Share of the R.D. being read, it was determined that the Synod cannot at present interfere in this Business.

Notice of a motion by Mr Thos Henry

Mr Thos Henry gave notice that he will at next meeting of Synod bring forward a plan for the relief of Congregations, which are excluded from a share of Royal Bounty, according to the present Establishment.

A Memorial from Josias C. Gamble, praying to be restored to the Pastoral Charge of the Cong^on of Enniskillen, till such time as another shall be ordained in his stead, being submitted to the consideration of the Synod, it was moved that the Prayer of the memorial be refused. Upon the call of the Roll it was carried in the affirmative. Mr Gamble

Session concluded with Prayer.

Interloquitur Saturday Morning, 6 o'clock.

The Committee of Accounts report—

The Capital of the Widows Fund on 1st June 1804	£14754 : 9 : 8
Interest arising from the same last year ...	£855 : 10 : 0
Number of Contributers 29th Sept^r, 1803—178.	
Sum by them contributed for one year till that date	£576 : 5 : 1
Annuitants on the fund 1st Jan^ry, 1804—82.	
Amount of Annuities payable to them at that date	£1373 : 4 : 0

That they examined the Accounts of the widows fund till the 1st Inst. & also of the R.D. for March Quarter, 1803, old Irish Grants & the year 1803 English, & find them correct.

They observe that the above closes, Dr Blacks Account of R.D. as Agent to the Ministers of this Synod; and that there is at present a Ballance in hands of £51 15s 4d, at the disposal of the Interloquitur.

Ordered that the above Ballance of £51 15s 4d, remain in Dr Black's hands, for defraying contingent expences.

Dr Black having now ceased to be any longer the Agent to the Synod, in matters of R.D., It was moved & unanimously agreeed to, that our Moderator do return the warmest thanks of this Interloq^r to Dr Black for his zealous, faithful & Important Services while in that Office. Thanks to Dr Black, Agent for R.D.

Thanks were returned from the Chair accordingly.

D^r McDowel is ordered to apply to the Trustees of the widows fund, for Dr Blacks Securities as Agent for R.D. & deliver them to Dr Black.

Moved & agreed to, that the last clause of the Resolution of the Interloq^r of 1797 respecting the Disposal of Annuitants Interest in the widow's fund, be thus amended:—"That the amount of the said valuation shall be paid by our Agent, out of the Capital of the Fund." Amendment of a Resolution of 1797

The following Resolution & Regulations, respecting the Widows Fund, were submitted to the Consideration of the Contributers by Dr Black & after mature Deliberation agreed to. Resolutions respectfng the Widows Fund

I. That from the great Increase of the Widows and Families on the fund, during the last two years, the Annuity to each must have neccessarily been diminished, but from the Seasonable Assistance, derived from the late Liberal Arrangement of his Majesty's Bounty.

II. That in consequence of this Aid the Annuity of each widow & family be raised to twenty pounds & so continue for the term of seven years, from the first day of Jan^{ry} next, inclusive.

III. That for the term of seven years from the 29th day of September next inclusive, each minister of the first Class, who is or shall become a Contributer to the Fund, do pay an additional subscription of three pounds :—Each minister in the second Class an additional subscription, of two pounds five shillings :—and each minister in the third Class, an additional subscription of thirty shillings ℘ annum. This Regulation not to extend to such ministers as have resigned from Age, or Infirmity, or to such ministers in the third Class as are not in the receipt of the intire Bounty.

IV. That such ministers, as have become partially entitled to the Receipt of R.D. by the late Arrangement, & are Contributers to the fund; shall, upon the Decease of their respective Predecessors, who are now in Receipt of a share of the Royal Bounty, pay into the fund the difference between the portion of the first years Bounty they may receive, & the nett sum allotted to the Cong^{ons} of which they are respectively the Ministers.

V. That on any ministers being removed from a Cong^{on} in a lower to one in a higher Class ; he shall for the first year after such Removal pay into the fund the difference between the Royal Bounty allotted to the Cong^{on} to which he shall be so removed, & the one in which he had lately been placed.

VI. That such Assistant ministers, not in the Receipt of R.D. as now are, or may become Contributers to the Fund shall pay an Annual Subscription of two pounds, until such time as their title to the R D. shall commence; and if any of such assistant ministers shall die, before he becomes entitled to the Receipt of one years Bounty, a sum equal thereto shall be deducted from the first Payments to which his widow or family (if he should leave such) shall be entitled.

VII. That such Contributers to the fund as have not Pastoral Charges in the bounds of the Synod, or Presbytery of Antrim, or who are not in the Receipt of R.D. do pay during the above Period, an additional subscription of three pounds ℘ Annum.

VIII. That during the above Period, these additional subscriptions together with such surplus as may remain after paying the Annuities as aforesaid, shall annually be put to Interest, either on Publick or Private Securities as the Constituents, with the Concurrence of the Trustees, shall direct.

IX. That from & after the first day of January, which shall be in the year 1812, the Annuitants on the fund shall receive in equal shares the largest Dividend of its annual Produce, arising from Interest,

Subscriptions, premiums, on marriages or surplus of R.D. which a Just Regard to the Stability of the Institution will warrant the Constituants, for the time being, to direct.

X. That in future the Premium payable by a Contributer on a second marriage, shall be equal to one year's Annuity from the fund, at the time such marriage shall take place; on a third marriage to two years Annuity; and so on in proportion for every succeeding marriage, he shall contract.

XI. That the subscriptions of the ministers, who shall become Contributers to the fund shall commence the Quarter day next following their Ordination, & cease the Quarter day next following their decease.

XII. That the Annuities of Widows shall commence the Quarter day next following the Decease of their Husbands, & cease the next Quarter day following their own.

XIII. That in future any minister who shall resign his Pastoral Charge, in order to engage in a Secular Profession or Employment, shall not be permitted to continue a Contributer to the Fund, or his widow or family to derive any Benefit or Annuity from it inasmuch as the Institution in its original Establishment, in the publick Collections, & private Donations, and Bequests made in aid of its Fund, as well as the late Royal Appropriation of the Surplus of his Majesty's Bounty was intended for the exclusive Advantage of ministers as such, & not for those who should voluntarily lay down the ministerial Character.

Moved & agreed to, that a Committee consisting of a minister from each Presbytery, do withdraw and consult together on what may appear to be a proper sum as an annual sallery to the Agent of the widows Fund.

Moved & agreed to, that Mr Horner be admitted a Contributer to the widows Fund, on the same Terms, on which Mr Rentoul was admitted. Mr Horner

The Committee reported, that it was their opinion that £40 ℔ Annum is a proper sum to be given to the Agent as his Annual Sallery. The Interloqr unanimously concurred in opinion with its Committee & resolved accordingly :—That the Sallery of the Agent to the Fund be from henceforth fixed at £40 ℔ Annum. £40 the annual sallery of the Agent for the widows fund

Moved & unanimously agreed to, that the thanks of this Interloqr be returned to Dr Black for his Diligence, Attention, and Zeal in executing the office of Agent to the widows Fund. And Thanks from the Chair were accordingly given to Dr Black.

Resolved unanimously, that Dr Black be requested to continue our Agent. It was accordingly so requested by the Moderator in the name of the Interloquitur, & He signified his acquiescence. Dr Black the Agent

Ordered. That our Agent do in the current year, pay the widows nine months Annuity, in the month of October next, & that in future the Annuitants shall receive their Annuities in said month. Widows to be paid in October

The Moderator concluded the Synod with Prayer.

Inserted 30th August 1804 by

ROBERT DICKSON, Clk. of Gen. Synod.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE REVEREND ROBERT BLACK, D.D.

Agent for the Royal Bounty, to the Presbyterian Ministers of the Synod of Ulster.

His Majesty having been graciously pleased to order that the Royal Bounty to the Presbyterian Ministers of the Synod of Ulster should be encreased, and it being expedient, that such encreased Bounty should be distributed in a three-fold Proportion, of one hundred pounds per annum to each minister of the first class—Seventy-five pounds ℔ annum to each minister of a second class—And fifty pounds ℔ annum to each minister of a third class—His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant has been pleased to direct that the Arrangement of the said three Classes shall be as follows:—

FIRST CLASS.

No.	Ministers of	No.	Ministers of
1.	Belfast 1st Congregation	32.	Clare
2.	Do. 2d Do.	33.	Armagh
3.	Do. 3d Do.	34.	Downpatrick
4.	Dromore 1st Do.	35.	Strabane
5.	Do. 2d Do.	36.	Moneymore
6.	Glendermot 1st Do.	37.	Maherafelt
7.	Omagh 1st Do.	38.	Brigh
8.	Cumber Co. Derry	39.	Cookstown
9.	Burt	40.	Rathmelton
10.	St. Johnston	41.	Ballibay
11.	Moneyrea	42.	Ballimena
12.	Drumboe	43.	Connor
13.	Killinchy	44.	Randalstown
14.	Saintfield	45.	Colerain 2d Congn
15.	Dramerah	46.	Ballikelly
16.	Annahilt	47.	Ballimoney
17.	Killileagh	48.	Donegore
18.	Donaghmore Co. Down	49.	Ballieaston
19.	Rathfryland	50.	Ballicarry
20.	Carnmoney	51.	Carrickfergus
21.	Ballinahinch	52.	Killead
22.	Cumber Co. Down	53.	Larne 1st Congn
23.	Donoughmore Co. Donegal	54.	Broughshane
24.	Ballyroney	55.	Raphoe
25.	Loughbrickland	56.	Clough Co. Antrim
26.	Tullylish	57.	Londonderry 2 Ministers
27.	Bangor	58.	Londonderry 2 Ministers
28.	Portaferry	59.	Mary's Abbey two Ministers
29.	Lisburn	60.	Mary's Abbey two Ministers
30.	Banbridge	61.	Newtown Ardes 2d Congn
31.	Newry	62.	Letterkenny

SECOND CLASS.

No.	Ministers of
1.	Bovevagh
2.	Benburb
3.	Faughanvale
4.	Creggan & Newtownhamilton
5.	Knowhead
6.	Castlereagh
7.	Kirkcubbin
8.	Hollywood 2d Congn
9.	Maherawly
10.	Mourne
11.	Dundonald
12.	Glastry
13.	Balliwalter
14.	Ballinure
15.	Donaghadee
16.	Ballee
17.	Clough Co. Down
18.	Kilmore
19.	Markethill
20.	Balliclare
21.	Newtown Lemmavady
22.	Donaghedy 1st Congn
23.	Ardstraw
24.	Carlan
25.	Dungannon
26.	Minterburn
27.	Stewartstown
28.	Tobermore
29.	Keady
30.	Coagh
31.	Aghnacloy & Balligawly
32.	Carntal
33.	Badony
34.	Donaghedy 2d Congn
35.	Urney
36.	Colerain 1st Congn
37.	Convoy
38.	Lurgan
39.	Lifford
40.	Belfast 4th Congn
41.	Monaghan
42.	Castleblaney
43.	Corboy
44.	Killisandra
45.	Antrim 2d Congn
46.	Lisluney
47.	Castledawson
48.	Dumboe
49.	Ballywillan
50.	Drumachose
51.	Dervock
52.	Aghadowey
53.	Garvagh
54.	Maghera
55.	Finvoy
56.	Kilraights
57.	Larne 2d Congn
58.	Carncastle
59.	Crumlin
60.	Templepatrick
61.	Dunluce
62.	Newtown Ardes 1st Congn

THIRD CLASS.

No.	Ministers of
1.	Banagher
2.	Donagh
3.	Moville
4.	Malin
5.	Faghan & Bumcranna
6.	Millisle
7.	Ballinderry
8.	Drumbanagher
9.	Monreagh
10.	Mountnorris
11.	Moira
12.	Narrowwater & Carlingford
13.	Dundalk
14.	Holywood 1st Congn
15.	Antrim 1st Congn
16.	Dunmurry
17.	Omagh 2d Congn
18.	Drumquin & Pettigoe
19.	Glendermot 2d Congn
20.	Derg

THIRD CLASS—continued.

Ministers of	Ministers of
No.	No.
21. Loughgall	42. Balieborough
22. Dungiven	43. Ervey & Carrick-mac-clin
23. Vinecash & Richhill	44. Balli-James-duff
24. Fintona & Dromore	45. Cootehill
25. Clogerney	46. Ahoghill
26. Cavanaleck	47. Buckna
27. Enniskillen	48. Cullybackey
28. Sligo & Ballimote	49. Dunean & Grange
29. Turlogh	50. Portglenone
30. Crossroads	51. Ballirashane
31. Stranorlane	52. Kilrea
32. Ray	53. Billey
33. Fanet	54. } Usher's Quay 2 Ministers
34. Dunfanagh & Kilmacrenan	55. }
35. Donegall & Ballyshannon	56. Ramoan
36. Douglas & Clady	57. Ardmoy
37. Moywater	58. Macosquin
38. Stonebridge	59. Grayabbey
39. Glennan	60. Islandmagee
40. Glentubret	61. Glenarm
41. Drum	62. Stratford

His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant directs that the said Agent shall pay to the Ministers of the above-mentioned Congregations respectively, the annual sums of one hundred pounds, seventy-five pounds, & fifty pounds, according to the Class to which each Minister belongs, and that said payment shall be made half-yearly without any deduction whatever, the mode of payment to be the same hitherto used in distributing his Majesty's Royal Bounty to the Ministers of the Synod of Ulster. The present Ministers of the above-named Congregations, shall be entitled to receive the said sums according to the above arrangement until the death or removal of each respectively. And after such death or removal, the same sums shall be paid in like manner to their Successors—provided always that such successor shall have been first certified to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant & approved of by him, in pursuance of the plan communicated by his Excellency to the Ministers of the Synod of Ulster on the 26th June last.

His Excellency is however pleased to direct that, inasmuch as the Rev. Tho. Reid, James Malcom, James Knox, Arthur Kyle, Joseph Douglas, & Robert Scott, have hitherto, by direction of the Synod received, the annual dividend of the Royal Bounty, though, through age or infirmity incapacitated for the duties of their Ministry, the said Agent shall still continue to pay to each of the aforesaid superannuated Ministers, during his natural life the sum of thirty-two pounds per Annum, and shall deduct the same from the yearly quota of such Minister as is now, or may be hereafter settled in the Congregation wherein said aged or infirm Minister last officiated.

His Excellency further directs, that from the surplus which shall remain in the said Agent's hands each year, after paying their respective salaries to all such Ministers, as shall according to the above directions, be entitled to the same, said Agent shall every year deduct, as his own salary, the sum of four hundred pounds sterling, together with whatever sum he shall have expended during the year for stamps and postage, of Letters. He shall next pay out of said surplus, the annual sum of fifty pounds sterling, to the Clerk of the General Synod of Ulster, And also the annual sum of thirty two pounds sterling to the Rev. Robert Carlisle, formerly Minister of Ballinderry, but now incapacitated by infirmity of mind, during said Carlisle's natural life; and whatever farther surplus shall still remain, his Excellency directs, that the same shall annually be paid without farther deduction, into the Fund instituted for the benefit of the Widows and Orphans of the Presbyterian Ministers of the Synod, it being his Excellency's desire, that whatever sum of Money may remain unapplied from temporary vacancies, in any of the above Congregations, after fulfilling all purposes already mentioned, the said fund should have the benefit of the same.

Given at his Majesty's Castle of Dublin the 20th day of January 1804.

By His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant's Command.

A. MARSDEN.

A General Synod at Cookstown, 25th June, 1805.

Mr Horner, the Moderator of the former Synod opened this by preaching from the last clause of Titus II. 15, then constituted it by prayer.

Mr Horner, informed the Synod that the Rev. Robt Dickson, Clerk of the Synod had died since the last meeting, and requested to know how he was to proceed in consequence of this event. The Synod desired their Moderator to request the Rev. Mr Thom, who as Copresbyter and neighbour to the late Clerk, had taken charge of all his Synodical books and papers, to act as Clerk, until such time, as a successor to Mr Dickson, shall be appointed. The following members from the several Presbyteries were present, viz. from—

Minrs.	Elders.
Dromore Presbytery.	
Isaac Patrick	Geo. Crawford
James Birch	John Baxter
John Thomson	James Simpson
Dr. Little	
John Sherrard	Wm. Copeland
William Fletcher	
James Waddel	Wm. Gowdy
Jno. McClelland	
Jno. McCance	
Alexr. Patterson	Mark Searight
John McIlwain	Archd. Stevenson
William Wright	
John Hoey	
Hamilton Dobbin	R. Cunningham
Moses Findlay	Andw. Murdoch
Hugh McAllister	Andw. Potts
Willm. McGowan	Andw. Trew
Belfast Presbytery.	
Saml. Patten	Jno. McCullogh
George Brydone	
Wm. Whitlaw	Fras. Murray
Samuel Hanna	
James McCullogh	Robt. Patterson
Henry Simpson	David Bennet
Saml. Watson	Dr. Lowry
Bangor Presbytery.	
Andrew Craig	Joseph Fulton
James Sinclair	
David Taggart	
Robt. Atcheson	John Bankhead
Josiah Ker	Allan Martin
John Arnold	Adam Orr
John Watson	
Bangor Presbytery—continued.	
Wm. Moreland	
John Mulligan	Wm. McCaa
Dublin Presbytery.	
James Horner	Wm. Gilbert
Ballymena Presbytery.	
James Cuming	Jno. McClure
David Park	Robt. Jno. Dickey
Alexr. Spear	John Davison
Robt. Christie	David Love
Tho. Henry	Alexr. Kilpatrick
Henry Henry	Nath. Owens
Alexr. Montgomery	
William Hamilton	
Benjamin Mitchel	James Hopeton
Letterkenny Presbytery.	
James Taylor	Saml. Black
Henry Millar	Wm. Lithgow
John Holmes	Andw. Robinson
James Delap	
Willm. Ramsay	
Willm. Huston	Robt. Adams
Francis Dill	
James Huston	James Johnston
Samuel Dill	James Teenan
Joseph Lytle	
William Burke	
Clogher Presbytery.	
William Moorhead	Hugh Wallace
James Ker	Saml. Fenton

Clogher Presbytery—continued.

Andw. Millar — John Johnston
William Johnston
James Davison — James Irwin
Booth Caldwell

Root Presbytery.

Robt. Thomson — William Glen
Robt. Rentoul — James Morrison
James Elder
James McFarlan — Richd. McLaughlin
Daniel Blair — Hen. Morell
Alexr. Martin — Saml. Allen
John Smyth — Hill Collins
James Brown — David Rankin
Chas. Kennedy — Archd. Grimes
James Boyle — Adam Hunter
Thos. Greer — James Guthrie
John Whiteside — James Black
Solomon Brown — John Wier
Archd. Fullarton

Monaghan Presbytery.

William Moor
John Davis — Dr. Windrum
John McCurdy
James Gowdy — Wm. Millar
Henry McIlree — Joseph Gibson
James Morell — James Brakey
James Gibson — Willm. Gray
James Wilson
John Kelso — John Jones

Tyrone Presbytery.

Dr. Dickson — Saml. Cuming
James Whiteside
William Moor — Wm. Ramsay
Hugh Boylan — Bert Fair
George Dougal — Robt. Duncan
Thos. McKay — Saml. Greer
John Davison — John Young
William Reid — Richd. Best
John Cowan — John McCormick
Moses Chambers — John Boyd
Robt. Hogg — Geo. White
Tho. Waughope — Dr. Hamilton

Armagh Presbytery.

Dr. Neilson — Robt. Neilson
Tho. Cuming — Tho. Prentice
Nath. Shaw — Brice Smyth
Wm. Charleton — Robt. McCalla
James Bankhead — David McComb
Dr. Wm. Neilson — Dr. Jno. Getty
John Thom

Strabane Presbytery.

Wm. Dunlop — Jas. Stevenson
Tho. Anderson
Chas. Hemphill — John McFarlan
William Porter
David Guilkie
Wm. McCrea
John McFarlan — John Gray

Derry Presbytery.

John Law
Dr. Black — William Walker
Fras. Gray — Reuben Rogers
Hugh Brook — Andw. Cunningham
Wm. Cunningham — James Marshal
Robt. Caldwell
Henry Elder — Alexr. Cowan
Richd. Dill
James Canning
David Hamilton
James Allison — James Mitchel
Wm. Monteith — Richd. Cochran
Matth. Heron — Jas. Motherwell
John Mitchel — Jas. McCullogh
George Hay — Robt. McIntyre

Templepatrick Presb.

John Wright — Adam Bole
John Savage
Adam Hill
Robt. Orr — Tho. Hunter
Robt. Thomson — James Patten
John Murphy
Tho. Alexander
Robt. Campbell — Jas. Steven
Nath. Alexander — Geo. Forsythe

Elders from vacant Congns. &c.

John Harbison — Rathfryland
Wm. Gibson — Broughshane
Robt. Harvey — Omagh
John McEwen — Clare

Antrim Presbytery.

Dr. Bruce
James Nelson
John Wightman — Robt. Greenfield
Joseph Osborne

Elders.

James Watt — Ballyclare
James Wallace — Antrim

Mr Rentoul chosen Moderator

Mr Horner having moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, the following brethren were named, viz., the Rev. Messrs McClelland, Hanna, Craig, H. Henry, Holmes, Moorhead, Rentoul, William Moor, Boylan, Charleton, Guilkie, Gray, & Robt Thomson. The Roll was called & Mr Rentoul chosen.

It was moved & seconded that Mr Thomas Cuming be chosen Clerk in the room of the late Mr Dickson. It was also moved & seconded, that Mr Shaw be chosen Clerk. After some discussion it was resolved that the consideration of this matter be deferred till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Order to Presbyteries

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, & to prepare lists to be given to the Clerk to-morrow morning of their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, & General Synods fixed Committee—An account of such ministers as have died, been Ordained, or Installed; of such Candidates as have been licensed or entered on trials since last General Synod, and of such Students as have been examined previous to their going to College by their respective Presbyteries:—an account of Annuitants on the fund; of any that have died; of the time when such did die; also of such women in their bounds as have been wives of Ministers, & are not on the Fund.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Second Session. Wednesday Morning 10 *o'clock.*

Previous Question

After prayer the discussion of the former evening was resumed, when the *previous* question on the original motion as amended, was put. The Roll was called and it carried *Not* by a great majority. The original amended motion was then put, and Mr Cuming chosen Clerk, by a large Majority.

Mr Cuming chosen Clerk

Thanks to Mr Thom

It was unanimously resolved that the thanks of this Synod be given to Mr Thom for his acting as Clerk *pro tempore*, and for his care of the books & other papers belonging to the Synod.

Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their members for the several Committees, also the following reports:—

Ordained

Dromore Presbytery report, that they ordained Mr Moses Findlay at Donaghmore the 4th September last; Mr Hugh McAllister at Loughbrickland, the 11th December last, and Mr William McGowan, at Mountnorris the 18th of same month. They all subscribed the Confession of Faith according to order. They are also all contributors to the Widows' Fund. They have licensed Mr Fletcher Blakely according to Synodical regulations the 15th October last, who subscribed the Confession of Faith. They have Widows on the Fund, Mrs Strong, Mrs McCoomb, Mrs Thomson, Mrs Magee, Mrs Hay, who is removed to Ballnafeigh in the County Donegall and Mrs Smyth who is removed to Dublin.

Licensed

Widows

Belfast Presbytery report, that they have licensed Mr David Bennet, who subscribed the Westminster Confession of Faith, & that they have on the Fund Mrs Kinkead, Mrs Kenedy, Mrs McEwen, Mrs Rowan, & Mrs Kelburn. Licensed Widows

Bangor Presbytery report, that in August last they degraded the Rev. Alexander Gowdy from the exercise of all the ministerial functions: that on the first Tuesday of November last they licensed according to Synodical regulations Mr Andrew George Malcom; and on the first Tuesday of May Mr Edward Reid:—That they have on the Fund Mrs Warnock, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Hull, Mrs Bryson, Mrs Dobbin, Mrs Patterson, Mrs Porter, and Mrs Cochran. Degraded Licensed Widows

Dublin Presbytery report, that they installed the Revd Andrew McCaldin, in the Congregation of Stratford on Slaney, in the month of December last; and that they have in their Bounds Mrs Rogers, Widow of the late Robert Rogers of Corboy, County Longford. Installed Widows

Ballymena Presbytery report, that they have licensed the Messrs James Kennedy, and James Johnston; and that Mr Thomas Kinneer resigned the charge of the Congregation of Clough, the second Tuesday of December last. Have widows on the fund Mrs Brown and Mrs Lyndsay. Licensed Resigned Widows

Letterkenny Presbytery report, that the Rev. Joseph Lytle died on the 7th January last & has left no family. That they degraded from the ministerial office on account of immoral behaviour, Mr Hugh Delap of Omagh on the 21st May last. Mr Delap appealed from the sentence of the Presbytery to the General Synod. And that they examined Mr Thomas Ramsay, as ordered by the Synod, previous to his going to College. Have on the fund Mrs Delap, Mrs Burke, and family of Mr Holmes. Died Degraded Examined Widows

Clogher Presbytery report, that on Tuesday 10th July they ordained Mr Ephraim Stevenson, in the Congregation of Enniskillen, who is a Contributor to the Widows' fund, and that they have on the fund Mrs Mulligan. Ordained Widows

Root Presbytery report, that they have examined Messrs Samuel Elder & James Armor previous to their going to College for the first time, and John Cook, previous to his going to College for the second time. That Mrs Knox died in July last. They have on the fund Mrs Gaston, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Elder, Mrs Davis, Mrs McMullan, Mrs Simson, Mrs Cameron, Mrs Glasgo, & families of Messrs Douglass and Henry. Examined Widows

Monaghan Presbytery report, that Messrs Trimble & Porter were examined at November last, previous to their going to College, and that they have on the fund Mrs Warnock, Mrs Fleming, Mrs Sprott, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Montgomery, and Mrs Whiteside. Examined Widows

Tyrone Presbytery report, that they ordained Mr Thomas Waughope in Dungannon, on the 28th August last, who subscribed the Westminster Confession of Faith & became a contributor to the Widows' fund. They licensed Mr Campbell, to preach the Gospel on the 16th Ordained Licensed

October; Mr Black, & Mr Beard, on the 7th May. Have on first trials Messrs Wylie & Ledlie: On the fund Mrs Smyth, Mrs Adams, Mrs Stitt, and family of Mr Hogg. Mrs Peebles died on the 4th March.

Widows
Died

Mr Carson being cited by the Moderator to attend the meeting of Presbytery in May, wrote an official letter to the Presbytery, saying that he declined all connection with, and subjection to, the General Synod of Ulster, assigning some of his reasons, and declaring that he would publish them more fully in due time: upon which the presbytery ordered Mr Moor to write to the Session of Tobermore, subjoining a copy of Mr Carson's letter, to enquire how far they adhered to Mr Carson's new proceedings, which he did, but as yet had received no answer.

Mr Carson

Armagh Presbytery report, that the Rev. Robt Dickson died on the 7th October last, leaving a family; that on the 13th August last they licensed Mr Robert Neilson to preach the Gospel; and that they examined in October last Messrs William Cuming and William Heron, previous to their going to College. Have on the fund Mrs Sloan, Mrs Livingston & families of Messrs Bryson & Dickson; not on the fund Mrs Moody.

Died
Licensed
Examined
Widows

Strabane Presbytery report, that they ordained in the old Congregation of Donaghedy Mr William McCrea, who is a Contributor to the Widows' fund, on the 13th December last; and on the 19th of the same month they ordained in the new Congregation of Newtown Stewart Mr John McFarlan, who wishes to become a Contributor. They have on first trials Mr Robert Adams, & have examined Mr Samuel Armar, previous to his going to College a second time. Have on the fund Mrs Coulter, Mrs Turbitt, Mrs Hamill, and the family of Mr Osborne.

Ordained
Examined
Widows

Derry Presbytery report, that Mr McCaldin resigned the pastoral charge of Dungiven, the 6th November last. They licensed Mr John Mitchel to preach the Gospel the 7th August last; they ordained him at Dungiven the 19th March last; and Mr George Hay at Derry the 18th June Inst. They are both contributers to the Widows' fund. Have on the fund Mrs Walker, Mrs Patten, Mrs Scott, and family of Mr Patten.

Resigned
Licensed
Ordained
Widows

Templepatrick Presbytery report, that they have licensed Mr George Hay, & William Moor. That Messrs Carley, Findlay, Lyons, & Montgomery underwent the examination appointed last Synod, previous to their entering College. Have on the fund Mrs Dunbar, Mrs White, Mrs Cowan, Mrs Gibson, & family of Lewson.

Licensed
Examined
Widows

Antrim Presbytery report, that the connection between the Rev. William Taggart & the Congregation of Dunmurray was dissolved on the 14th May 1805.

Connection dissolved

Moved that the time & place of next meeting be now settled. Cookstown and Lurgan were put in nomination. The Roll was called & the vote was carried for Cookstown. The meeting to take place on the last Tuesday in June next. Divine Service to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

Synod to meet at Cookstown

Committees to meet to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Open Synod at 10.

Gen. Synods fixed Committee for 1805.

Presbs.	Minrs.
Dromore,	Mr Birch & Dr Little
Belfast,	Messrs Brydone & Whitlaw
Bangor,	,, Watson & Acheson
Dublin,	,, Horner & Moor
Ballymena,	,, Hamilton & Mitchel.
Letterkenny,	,, S. Dill & Jas Huston
Clogher,	,, Johnston & Davison
Root,	,, Jas Brown & Sol. Brown
Monaghan,	,, Trimble & Morell
Tyrone,	,, Moor & Davison
Armagh,	,, Cuming & Shaw
Strabane,	,, McCrea & Guilkie
Derry,	,, Law & Brook
Templepatrick,	,, Savage & Alexander.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Third Session. Thursday morning 10 *o'clock.*

After Prayer, according to the order of last year the Presbytery of Templepatrick produced a pastoral address to the people under the care of the Synod, which were was read, considered & approved of, and committed to the care of the Rev. Mr Horner to have fifty copies for each Congregation printed, & distributed without delay. And the Presbytery of Dromore, as being next in the Roll is ordered to prepare a similar address, for the ensuing year. Address to the People

The minute of last year respecting marriage which was referred to this meeeting of Synod, was read, & being now amended stands thus :—

That any Minister of this body, who shall join in marriage, any man or woman, not under his pastoral care, but under the care of some

Amended regulations respecting Marriage

other regular Minister of the Christian Church, without the consent, in writing (in the words of the following certificate) of the Minister under whose pastoral care the person or persons may be: or of the Session in case of vacancy, or absence of Minister; or of the parents in case of the refusal of the Minister or Session specified by him, or them to arise only from the want of compliance with the procalmation of bands; shall for the first offence be suspended *ab officio*, one month; for the second three months; for the third be degraded. And in the case of either of the parties belonging to the established Church, no Minister of our body shall, under the above penalty celebrate marriage without the full consent, in writing of the Clergyman to whom the party shall belong.

Form of certificate

I certify that the bearer A.B. is a regular member of the Congregation of C., is an unmarried person, and that there is no objection to his (or her) being married to D.E. of the congregation of F., by the Rev. Mr G. H., consent of parents, (or Guardians as the case may be) being already sought and obtained by me, J. K., Minister of C.

Rule respecting the admission of strangers to officiate for us amended

On reading the rule of last year respecting the admission of men not members of this body, or Licentiates under its care to officiate for us, it was unanimously agreed to that the rule be thus amended; "That no man not a member of this body, or a Licentiate under its care (the Presbytery of Antrim, Southern Association, & Church of Scotland excepted) shall be permitted to officiate for us, &c.

Instructions to the Presbytery of Tyrone respecting the Congn of Tobermore

The report from the Presbytery of Tyrone, relative to the congregation of Tobermore, which they have declared vacant, having been read, & approved, & the Presbytery having earnestly requested the advice of this Synod, and the appointment of some of its members to meet them in Tobermore at as early a day as may be convenient, for the purpose of devising & recommending such measures as may seem best adapted to preserve and promote the true interests of religion among that deserted people: This Synod advises the presbytery of Tyrone to have the Congregation of Tobermore, duly declared vacant on the first Lord's day in July next; and the following brethren are hereby appointed to meet with said Presbytery in Tobermore on the Tuesday following, for the purpose above-mentioned, viz.:—Messrs Brown, Garvagh; Spear, Portglenone; Henry, Randalstown; Kenedy, Mahera; Brown, Castledawson.

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 6 o'clock.

Fourth Session. Friday morning 6 *o'clock.*

Rule suspended

After prayer, on reading the Overture of last year respecting the examination of Students, who intend to become Candidates for the Ministry, it was moved & agreed to, that the operation of the fourth resolution be suspended for this year.

Mr Horner, the late Moderator, read the following answers to the Synod's addresses of last year.

LORD LIEUTENANT'S ANSWER.

I will immediately transmit to his Majesty the loyal and dutiful address of the General Synod of Ulster, and am confident that his Majesty will receive with great satisfaction the assurances which it contains of attachment to his Royal Person, as well as the sentiments which you express, with equal piety, firmness, and Patriotism, on the important contest in which we are engaged.

I am highly flattered by the favourable opinion, which you are pleased to entertain of my publick conduct in the Administration of his Majesty's Government; and am particularly gratified in reflecting that I have been in any degree instrumental in promoting a measure which you consider important to the support of the Teachers of Religion amongst the Presbyterians of Ireland.

HARDWICKE.

ANSWER TO THE ADDRESS TO THE KING.

Dublin Castle 24th July 1804.

Sir,

The Address to the King from the Ministers and Elders of the General Synod of Ulster having been transmitted by the Lord Lieutenant to be laid before his Majesty, I have the honor to acquaint you, that his Excellency has received a letter from Lord Hawkesbury, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, signifying that the said Address had been laid before his Majesty, and that his Majesty was pleased to receive the same in the most gracious manner.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your

most obedient humble servant

A. MARSDEN.

Rev. James Horner,
Moderator of the Synod of Ulster.

LORD CASTLEREAGH'S ANSWER.

London July 14, 1804.

Sir,

I have been favoured with your letter, conveying to me the Address of the Ministers and Elders of the Synod of Ulster.

I beg you will express to the Synod, how much personal satisfaction it affords me, to have been instrumental, in any degree, in bringing the interests of their Clergy under the favourable consideration of the Crown.

In addition to the flattering expressions of regard, with which they have honored me, I observe with peculiar pleasure, that the

grateful sense, which the Synod entertains of his Majesty's paternal care so graciously manifested in the recent addition made to the *Regium Donum*, is accompanied by a full conviction on their part, of the importance & value of those principles upon which this provision has been conferred upon their body.

Accept, Sir, my peculiar thanks for the obliging manner in which you have conveyed to me the address of the Synod, And assure them from me, of the anxious solicitude I shall always feel, that the late arrangement so happily concluded may be productive of all the good effects, not only in augmenting the individual comfort, but in improving the condition and endowments of their Clergy, which in common with them I confidently anticipate from it.

I have the honour to be,

Sir, with great truth & regard,
your obedient, & faithful servant

CASTLEREAGH.

To the Rev. James Horner,
Moderator of the Synod.

BILLS.

Loughbrickland

I. A memorial from John Atcheson Smyth, eldest son of the late Rev. John Smyth, on behalf of himself, his mother, brothers & sister complaining that the Presbytery of Dromore had proceeded to ordain the Rev. Mr McAllister, in the congregation of Loughbrickland, without first causing the arrear of Stipend due the heirs of his late father to be paid or satisfactorily secured; and also that said ordination was in direct opposition to an express Synodical Law, was presented to the Synod. This memorial was accompanied with a statement of the account, between Mr Smyth and the Congregation of Loughbrickland & with a protest by the said John A. Smyth, which had been lodged with the Presbytery of Dromore, previous to Mr McAllister's ordination, against the ordination of another Minister in Loughbrickland, until full justice was done to the heirs of his father.

Mr Barber's appeal & protest

A letter to the Moderator was also read, from the Rev. Samuel Barber, a member of the Presbytery of Dromore, referring the Synod to his protest and appeal against the ordination of Mr McAllister, recorded in the minutes of the Presbytery of Dromore; & praying that the Synod may have this matter fully investigated in order "that the different Presbyteries, and the people under our care, may be convinced that it is vain for any Presbytery to ordain until the arrears due the former Minister be discharged."

Mr David Heron appeared as Commissioner from the Congregation of Loughbrickland.

Mr Smyth was heard at great length in support of his protest, and of the Allegations contained in his Memorial. And the Presbytery of Dromore in support of their conduct.

The Commissioner was also heard, at full length, on behalf of the Congregation of Loughbrickland.

When the parties having withdrawn, & the subject having undergone a long & serious discussion, the Synod unanimously came to the determination, that the conduct of the Presbytery of Dromore be disapproved of. Presbytery of Dromore

Ordered, that a Committee consisting of Messrs A. Millar, William Moor, Tyrone, and Adam Hunter, Esqr, do meet this evening and ascertain what balance is due to the heirs of Mr Smyth from the Congregation of Loughbrickland, according to the entries made in Mr Smyth's Stipend book & such other documents as Mr Smyth & Mr Heron, shall lay before them; and that Mr David Heron the Commissioner from Loughbrickland be enjoined to pay, or satisfactorily secure the said balance to Mr Smyth's heirs before our next *sederunt*. Committee appointed to settle Mr Smyth's accounts

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 6 o'clock.

Fifth Session. Saturday morning, 6 o'clock.

After prayer, The Committee appointed to settle the account between the Congregation of Loughbrickland and the heirs of Mr Smyth made their report, by which it appears that there is a balance of £230 : 0 : 8 due to Mr Smyths heirs. The Commissioner on the part of the congregation expressed his intention to abide by the determination of the Committee, with which Mr Smyth signified his acquiescence. Report of the Committee

II. A memorial from the congregation of Clare was presented to the Synod, complaining of the irregularity of the proceedings of the Committee appointed last year to take charge of this congregation in the mode of its taking a poll for the Rev. Mr Reid, and praying this Synod to order his installment, either by the committee who took charge of the congregation last year, or in any other manner, which the Synod may deem fit. Clare

A counter memorial was also presented to the Synod by the Minority of the Congregation of Clare supplicating that the Rev. William Reid may not be appointed their Minister, being in their opinion, a measure likely to be attended with the most ruinous consequences to that Congregation.

After hearing the Committee & the Commissioners on both sides, it was unanimously resolved, that this business be dismissed, the Committee dissolved, and the Congregation restored to the Presbytery of Armagh.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

Sixth Session. Saturday morning, 10 o'clock.

III. An appeal from the Rev. Hugh Delap, lately Minister of the Old Congregation of Omagh, was presented to the Synod against the sentence of degradation pronounced upon him by the Presbytery of Appeal against the Presbytery of Letterkenny

Letterkenny; and praying this Synod for the Sake of Justice, and for the cause of innocence, to appoint a Committee of their body to give the matter a full and fair investigation, alledging that a great deal of new light can be thrown upon the subject.

A memorial was also presented from a number of the members of the Congregation of Omagh, expressing their conviction of the innocence of the Rev. Hugh Delap, and entreating the Synod to take his case into its serious consideration, and to institute such enquiry into his character, as may be the means of promoting the interests of religion, and of restoring peace and concord to the Congregation.

Appeal dismissed

The Presbytery of Letterkenny being heard in their defence, & the evidence on which they founded their sentence being gone over with great care, and maturely considered; and Mr Delap & a Commissioner from the Subscribers to the memorial, being heard in support of the appeal, and of their supplication; it was moved and seconded that the Appeal be dismissed. After serious deliberation the Roll was called and the appeal dismissed by a large Majority.

Mr Smyth

IV. A memorial was read from the Rev. John Smyth praying to be disannexed from the Presbytery of Root, and annexed to the Presbytery of Ballymena.

Granted.

N. T. Stewart

V. A memorial from the newly erected congregation of Newtown Stewart, praying the Synod to take such measures as may induce Government to allow them a portion of the R.D., was presented to the Synod.

The Synod resolved that it could not interfere in this business.

Keady

A similar memorial on the part of the newly erected Congregation of Keady was withdrawn.

Dr Dickson's meml

VI. A memorial from the Rev. William Steel Dickson, D.D., requiring the Synod to declare explicitely "whether or no he is alluded to in a part of a minute of 1799, which has been construed into a reflexion on his character, as a man "implicated in treasonable or seditious practices," and if so, to explain what they then meaned by being implicated in "practices treasonable or seditious," was presented to the Synod.

Dismissed

It was unanimously resolved to dismiss this memorial.

Interloquitur. Saturday 3 o'clock, Afternoon.

The accounts of the Agent to the Widows' fund were inspected and found correct.

A statement of the receipts and payments of his Majesty's Royal Bounty, ending 25 March 1804, was submitted to this Interloquitur by Dr Black, & found correct and satisfactory.

A letter from the Trustees of the Widow's fund was read, in which they recommend, that the balance in the Treasurers hands, as well as the Government debentures, belonging to the fund, be vested in Government consolidated Stock, at the Bank of Ireland. Letter from the Trustees

In this proposal the Interloquitur concurs, & Dr Black is instructed to co-operate with the Trustees in such measures, as may be necessary, to effect the same.

The Moderator concluded the Synod with prayer.

Inserted 15th Angust 1805 by

THOMAS CUMING,
Clerk of General Synod.

A General Synod at Cookstown, June 24th 1806.

Mr Rentoul, the Moderator, opened this Synod by preaching from 2 Timothy II. 15, then constituted it by prayer: After which were present from the several Presbyteries the following Members, viz., from:—

Minrs.	Elders.
Belfast Presbytery.	
Saml. Watson	Wm. McCredie
Hen. Simson	
James Riddel	
Bangor Presbytery.	
Andrew Craig	
James Sinclair	
Josiah Ker	
John Arnold	
Willm. Moreland	
Andrew Gowdy	
Dublin Presbytery.	
Dr. McDowel	
James Horner	
Ballimena Presbytery.	
James Cuming	
Tho. Henry	Andw. Picken
Hen. Henry	Joseph Allen
Alexr. Montgomery	
Willm. Hamilton	
Benjamin Mitchel	
John Hall	John Maxwell
Letterkenny Presbytery.	
John Holmes	
William Ramsay	
Fras. Dill	Hugh Turretine
James Huston	Jas. Hamilton
Willm. Huston	
Saml. Dill	
Saml. Cuthbertson	
Clogher Presbytery.	
Willm. Moorhead	
Andw. Millar	John Johnston
Willm. Johnston	
James Ker	
James Davison	

Minrs.	Elders.
Root Presbytery.	
Robert Thomson	
Robert Rentoul	
James Elder	
Tho. Greer	Wm. Smirl
John Whiteside	
Sol. Brown	Hen. Lennox
John Sims	
Monaghan Presbytery.	
John Macurdy	
James Gowdy	
James Morell	
Archd. Meharg	
John Kelso	
Tyrone Presbytery.	
Willm. Moor	Tho. Sloan
Hugh Boylan	
Tho. McKay	
John Davison	Andw. Harkness
Robert Stewart	
John Cowan	John Vance
Moses Chambers	John Boyd
David Bennet	Dr. Hamilton
Armagh Presbytery.	
Tho. Cuming	
Nathl. Shaw	
James Bankhead	
Dr. Wm. Neilson	
John Thom	
Saml. Arnold	
Strabane Presbytery.	
Willm. Dunlop	
Tho. Anderson	
Charles Hemphill	
William Porter	
David Guilkie	John Little
William McCrea	
John McFarlan	

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Derry Presbytery.		**Dromore Presbytery.**	
Dr. Black		Samuel Barber	
Hugh Brooke		John McCance	
Henry Elder		Alexr. Patterson	
Richd. Dill		Moses Findlay	
James Canning		Wm. Magowan	Robert Haddan
David Hamilton		James Black	Mark Seawright
Wm. Monteith		**Antrim Presbytery.**	
Matthew Heron			
John Mitchel		Dr. Bruce	
George Hay		Joseph Osborne	
Templepatrick Presbytery.			Elder.
Robert Orr	Wm. McMaster	John Haslett	Lurgan
Robert Thomson			
Robert Campbell			
Nath. Alexander			
James C. Ledlie	Wm. Ferguson		

Mr Rentoul having moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, the following Brethren were named, viz—the Rev. Messrs Sam. Watson, Craig, Mitchel, Holmes, Moorhead, Thomson, McKay, Dr Wm Neilson, Anderson, R. Dill, Thomson, T.patrick, and McCance. The Roll was called & Dr W. Neilson chosen. Dr Wm Neilson chosen Moderator

Mr Cuming continued Clerk.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, & to prepare lists to be given to the Clerk to-morrow morning, of their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, & Gen. Synod's fixed Committee—An account of such Ministers as have died, been ordained, or installed; of such candidates as have been licensed, or entered on trials, since last Gen. Synod; and of such Students as have been examined previous to their going to College by their respective Presbyteries:—An account of Annuitants on the fund; of any that have died; of the time when such did die; also of such women, in their bounds as have been wives of Ministers, and are not on the fund. Order to Presbyteries

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Second Session. Wednesday Morning ten o'clock.

After prayer, Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their members for the several Committees, also the following reports.

Belfast Presbytery report, that they have on the fund Mrs Kinkead, Mrs Kenedy, Mrs McEwen, Mrs Rowan, & Mrs Kilburn. Widows

Bangor Presbytery report, that they have on first trials Mr John Davis, have on the fund Mrs Jackson, Mrs Hull now in America, Mrs

Widows

Bryson supposed to be living in England, Mrs Dobbin, Mrs Patterson, Mrs Porter, and Mrs Cochran.

Widow

Dublin Presbytery report, that they have on the fund Mrs Rogers, Widow of the late Rev. Robt Rogers of Corboy, for information respecting Mrs Caldwell, Widow of the late Rev. James Caldwell of Usher's Quay, they refer to the Presbytery of Letterkenny, in whose bounds she resides, if living.

Died
Ordained
Suspended
Widows

Ballimena Presbytery report, that Mr Douglas died 18th November last, & left a Widow & family, that they ordained Mr John Hall at Clough, on the 17th Inst. who is a contributer to the Widows' fund; & that they have suspended the Rev. Alexander Montgomery from preaching for two Lord's days, for celebrating marriage contrary to the rules of the Synod of Ulster, from which sentence he appealed to the Synod. Widows on the fund Mrs Brown, and Mrs Lyndsay.

Resigned
Ordained
Widows

Letterkenny Presbytery report, that the Rev. Wm Burke, resigned the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Ramelton, on the 16th Octr last, that they ordained Mr Samuel Cuthbertson in the old Congregation of Omagh, on the 11th Inst. who is a Contributor to the Widows' fund. They have on the fund Mrs Delap, & Mrs Burke.

Widow

Clogher Presbytery report, that they have entered on first trials, Mr John Johnston. That they have on the fund Mrs Mulligan.

Ordained
Licensed
Widows

Root Presbytery report, that the ordained Mr John Sims as assistant & successor to Mr Wm Lynd, in the Congregation of Ramoan, on the 28th July last. He subscribed the Westminister Confession of Faith, & is a Contributor to the Widows' fund. That they licensed Messrs Chas. Gray, & Paul Boreland, on the 29th January last. They have on first trials Messrs Andrew Shannon, Henry Macook, & John Samson. They have on the fund Mrs Gaston, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Elder, Mrs Davis, Mrs Mulian, Mrs Simson, Mrs Cameron, Mrs Glasgo, & families of Messrs Henry & Knox.

Suspended
Widows

Monaghan Presbytery report, that they have suspended from preaching, Arthur Windrum, a Probationer under their care; and that they have on the fund Mrs Warnock, Mrs Fleming, Mrs Sprott, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Montgomery, & Mrs Whiteside.

Licensed
Suspended
Ordained
Examined
Widows

Tyrone Presbytery report, that they licensed Messrs James Crawford Ledlie, & William Wylie, according to Synodical regulations, & have on first trials, Mr James Philips. That Mr Waughope resigned the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Dungannon on the 9th November last, & was suspended by the Presbytery *sine die* the March following: and that Mr David Bennet was ordained on the 17th Inst. in said place. He is a Contributor to the Widows' fund. They have examined previous to going to College, according to Synodical appointment, the following young men, viz, Messrs Joseph Johnston, Wm Fleming, William Brown, John Sloan, Robert Winning, Robert Hawthorn, John Anderson, Matthew Elder, David Reid, Thomas Dunn, Robert Wilson, Robert Cunningham, & John Howard. Have on the fund Mrs Duffin, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Adams, Mrs Stitt, Mrs Simpson, & the family of Mr Hogg.

Armagh Presbytery report, that they ordained the Rev. Samuel Arnold in the united Congregations of Narrow-water, & Carlingford, on the 2d September last, who is a Contributor to the Widows' fund: That they have entered on first trials Mr Hugh Woods; and that they examined Messrs George Lockhart, Samuel Sloane, & Edward Prenter previous to their going to College. They have on the fund Mrs Sloane, Mrs Livingston, & families of Messrs Bryson, & Dickson. Not on the fund Mrs Moody. Ordained Examined Widows

Strabane Presbytery report, that they have licensed Mr Robert Adams, that Mrs Coulter died 21st January last, & that they have on the fund Mrs Turbitt, Mrs Hamill, & the family of Mr Osborne. Widows

Derry Presbytery report, that they have on the fund Mrs Walker, Mrs Scott, Mrs Patten, & family of Mr Patten. Widows

Templepatrick Presbytery report, that they have received on first trials Mr Harpur, & have taken under their care Mr Wightman, a Probationer certified by the Presbytery of Bangor. That they ordained at Donegore, on the 8th April last, Mr James Crawford Ledlie as Co-adjutor & Successor to Mr Wright, who is a Contributor to the Widows' fund. They have on the fund Mrs Dunbar, Mrs White, Mrs Cowan, Mrs Gibson, & family of Mr Lewson. Ordained Widows

Dromore Presbytery report, that Mr Patterson resigned the Pastoral charge of the Congregation of Drumbanagher, on the 8th Octr last, & was installed in the Congregation of Maherally, as assistant & Successor to Mr Patrick, on the 12th November. That they ordained Mr James Black, in the Congregation of Drumbanagher, on the 4th March last, he is a Contributor to the Widows' fund, & subscribed the Westminster Confession of faith. That they have examined Messrs Wilson, Davis, & McClelland, previous to their going to College. Widows on the fund Mrs Strong, McComb, Thomson, Magee, Hay, & Smyth. Resigned Installed Ordained Examined Widows

Antrim Presbytery made no report, but by an official communication received by the Clerk from that Presbytery since the Synod's meeting, it appears that Mrs Drennan died on the 6th & Mrs Crawford on the 20th February last. Died

Gen. Synod's fixed Committee for the year 1806.

Presbs.	Minrs.
Belfast,	Messrs Brydone & Whitlaw
Bangor,	,, Ker and Arnold
Dublin,	,, Dr McDowel & Mr Horner
Ballymena,	,, Tho. & Hen. Henry
Letterkenny,	,, Sam. Dill & Cuthbertson
Clogher,	,, Ker and Johnston

Presbs.	Minrs.
Root,	Messrs Thomson & Sims
Monaghan,	,, Trimble & Morell
Tyrone,	,. Moore & McKay
Armagh,	,, Shaw & Bankhead
Strabane,	,, Anderson & Hemphill
Derry,	,, Gray & Mitchel
Templepatrick,	,, N. Alexander & Ledlie
Dromore,	,, Barber & Patterson

These with an Elder from each Presbytery & our Moderator & Clerk are to meet at Cookstown; when called by the Moderator on any Emergency; Fifteen to be a Quorum, of whom twelve at least are to be Ministers.

The several Committees are ordered to meet immediately. Adjourned till one o'clock.

Third Session. One o'clock.

Synod to meet at Cookstown

It was moved that the time & place of next meeting be now fixed. Lurgan & Cookstown were put in nomination. The Roll was called & it carried Cookstown. The meeting to take place on the last Tuesday in June next. Divine Service to begin at 5 o'clock, afternoon.

Address to the People

According to the order of last year, the Presbytery of Dromore presented a pastoral address to the people under the care of the Synod, which was read, considered, & committed to the care of the Commissioners appointed to wait upon the Lord Lieutenant to revise; and the Moderator is requested to have fifty copies for each Congregation printed & distributed without delay: And the Presbytery of Belfast, as being next in the Roll, is ordered to prepare a similar Address for the ensuing year.

On reading the regulation of last year respecting Marriage it was moved & agreed to, that the Parenthesis ("in the words of the following certificate") be expunged.

Regulations respecting Marriage

It was also resolved, that no Minister belonging to this Synod shall, under pain of the penalties for transgressing said regulation, celebrate Marriage, where one the parties at least, is not a member of his own Congregation, except in the following cases, viz:—

1. In case of vacant Congregations, where the parties are duly certified by the Session of the vacant Congregation.

2. In case of the absence, sickness, or special request, of a neighbouring Minister, upon the parties being duly certified, by said Minister, or his Session.

On reading the Amendment of the rule of 1804 respecting the admission of men, not members of this body to officiate for us, it was moved & seconded that the rule of 1804 as amended in 1805 be repealed. The Roll was called and it carried not.

Explanation of a rule of 1804

But it is *now* agreed and declared, that this resolution is not intended to prevent any Minister of this Synod *occasionally* to employ any member of any other Protestant Church, whom he knows to have been regularly set apart to the work of the Ministry, according to the forms of the Church to which he belongs; whose character he knows to be suited to his holy office; & of whose zeal to promote the great objects of the Ministry he has reason to think favourably: That it is only intended to prevent employing men to preach, who are not regular Ministers of any Church, and, who, under pretence of spreading the Gospel, give reason to suspect, that they have only in view to promote their own private interests, by exciting dissentions, & disturbing the peace of Congregations.

It was moved that the examination of young men previous to their going to College, be conducted by Committees & not by Presbyteries. Upon calling the Roll it was carried that the examination be conducted by Presbyteries.

OVERTURES.

I. It was unanimously agreed to, that the following Address be presented to the Lord Lieutenant.

TO HIS GRACE JOHN DUKE OF BEDFORD, LORD LIEUTENANT GENERAL, AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

May it please your Grace,

Address to the Lord Lieutenant

We his Majesty's most dutiful & loyal subjects, the Ministers & Elders of the General Synod of Ulster take the first opportunity, afforded by our annual meeting, of offering our congratulations on your Grace's appointment as Chief Governor of this part of the United Kingdom.

Accustomed to consider your Grace's illustrious family with sentiments of more than ordinary veneration, and entertaining for your Grace's Character that unaffected respect, which private virtue when united with high rank never fails to inspire, we anticipate with confidence the happiest results from your Grace's administration.

We beg leave to assure your Grace, that in our respective situations, we shall continue to inculcate on the people connected with us, an inviolable attachment to his Majesty's person, family, & government;

an unceasing regard for the Authority of the Laws; and a temper of kindness towards our fellow-subjects; satisfied that by thus discharging our duty, we shall best recommend ourselves to your Grace's protection, and obtain from your Grace, a favourable representation to our most gracious King.

Signed in our name, & by our order, at Cookstown this 25th day of June, 1806.

WILLIAM NEILSON, D.D., Moderator.

Resolved that our Moderator, the Ministers of the Presbytery of Dublin, Dr Black, & Mr Thomas Henry, be appointed to present this Address to the Lord Lieutenant, and that the Address, with his Grace's answer be published.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Fourth Session. Thursday Morning ten o'clock.

Instructions to the members appointed to wait on the Lord Lieutenant

After prayer, it was moved that the members appointed to wait on the Lord Lieutenant be instructed humbly to suggest to his Grace, the propriety, the policy, & the advantage, of an equalization of his Majesty's Bounty, comprehending the two Congregations which at present receive no Bounty. This motion was resisted on the point of order, a memorial to the same effect having already been rejected in the Committee of Overtures. The Roll was called on the question, "Is this motion in order, or not?" which was carried in the affirmative.

Against this decision the Rev. Mr Rentoul, and a number of other members signified their intention of protesting & assigning their reasons in due time.

The original motion was then put & debated at considerable length, when the Roll was called & the motion carried. Against this decision the Rev. Dr McDowel and others protested, & promised to assign their reasons.

It was farther resolved, that the members appointed to wait upon the Lord Lieutenant be instructed, that if they find it convenient, they do confer with his Grace, on the great necessity & utility of extending the benefits of education to the Children of the poor in the bounds of our Congregations.

Farther regulations respecting Students who intend to become Candidates for the Ministry

II. 1. Overtured & agreed to, that Students be permitted to enter on Presbyterial trials, upon their studying Divinity, Hebrew, & Church History, in a regular Seminary of learning, *one* session after taking a degree in Arts.

2. That every Student shall be examined at the first meeting of his Presbytery, after his return from College each session, in the sciences which he has studied during that session.

3. That the intervals between the College Sessions shall be spent in studying the following subjects, under the inspection of a Minister appointed by the Presbytery, viz, 1st Summer, Civil History & Jewish Antiquities. 2d Summer, Greek Testament with Commentaton. 3d Summer, Ecclesiastical History and Divinity. 4th Summer, Divinity. And during these several seasons, particular attention shall be paid to composition, elocution, and devotional exercises.

Order to ascertain the number of Bibles wanted by the poor in the bounds of the Synod

III. It is overtured & agreed to, that each Minister of this Synod be enjoined to ascertain with all possible accuracy, how the families of the poor in his Congregation are supplied with Bibles; that he do faithfully report to the Presbytery of which he is a member, what number of Bibles would be necessary to supply them; & that such Presbytery do faithfully report to the next meeting of this Synod, the number of copies of the Scriptures, that would be wanting to supply the Poor, within the bounds of the Congregations connected with it. And it is to be understood by each Minister, that, in taking the necessary steps to ascertain the wants of the poor in the above respect, he inform the poor in his Congregation that it is the intention of this Synod to furnish with Copies of the Bible, at an easy rate, such of them as wish to read the Scriptures, but are unable to purchase them at their present high prices.

BILLS.

Appeal from the Pres. of Letterkenny

I. A memorial was presented to the Synod by the Rev. Samuel Dill complaining of the Conduct of the Presbytery of Letterkenny, in reprehending him for refusing one of the ordinances of the Christian Church to Mr Waughope a member of his Congregation; and appealing (in which he was joined by the Rev. Francis Dill a Co-presbyter) against the sentence of the Presbytery to this Synod.

After hearing the parties for some time, it was agreed to defer the farther consideration of this appeal until the next Sederunt.

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at Six o'clock.

Fifth Session. Friday Morning six o'clock.

The members appointed to present the Address to the Lord Lieutenant changed

After prayer, on reading the Minute of yesterday's sederunt respecting the instructions to the members, appointed to wait upon the Lord Lieutenant, it was moved that the members of the Presbytery of Dublin, & Dr Black be laid aside, & that Mr Andrew Millar & Mr Shaw be substituted in their place. This motion on the call of the roll was carried. Dr McDowel & several other members protested, & promised to assign their reasons.

The consideration of the appeal from the sentence of the Presbytery of Letterkenny was now resumed when Dr McDowel, & Messrs Horner, Millar, Tho. Henry, & Dunlop, were ordered to withdraw & confer with the Presbytery of Letterkenny & the Appellants on the subject of their Appeal. On their return Dr McDowel reported that

the Appellants had, with the consent of the Presbytery of Letterkenny, withdrawn their appeal, & that a fair prospect was opened of a happy settlement of all differences between the parties.

II. A memorial from the Congregation of Tubermore was presented to the Synod, requesting that this Synod would devise measures to put them in possession of their meeting-house, on which their well-being as a worshipping society intimately depends.

The Synod resolved that Mr Moore & Mr Davison be directed to take such legal steps, as they may deem necessary, to put the Congregation of Tubermore in possession of their meeting-house; & that it be recommended by this Synod to the Interloquitur, to defray the expense of doing so.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till ten o'clock.

Sixth Session. Friday Morning ten o'clock.

The protesting members now gave in their reasons of protest which were read & ordered to be inserted in the Minutes, and that a Copy of said reasons of protest be furnished to the members appointed to wait upon the Lord Lieutenant.

Protest

Protest against laying aside the members of the Presbytery of Dublin, & Dr Black.

We protest against this resolution.

Because in our opinion, it is subversive of all order, of dangerous tendency, & disrespectful to the individuals dismissed.

Benjamin McDowel, D.D.	James Horner
Robert Rentoul	Henry Elder
Thomas Cuming	Thomas McKay
Josiah Ker	William Ramsay.

Protest against instructing the members appointed to wait upon the Lord Lieutenant, to suggest to his Grace, the propriety, &c., of an equalization of his Majesty's Bounty.

Protest

We protest against the present decision for a variety of reasons which press upon our minds, of which we shall mention only the following:

1. Because, the motion was introduced in violation of the established order of proceeding, in this Synod. As *new matter*, it ought to have been first proposed to the Committee of Overtures & approved of; but it is notorious, that a measure substantially the same, in the form of a Memorial to his Grace the Lord Lieutenant, was this morning rejected by that Committee.

2. Because, the Synod was taken by suprize, as no notice was given of any intention to agitate the question at this meeting, in which a great majority of the Congregations are not represented, & when the

attendance is less by more than one half, than at the meeting in 1803, when the late arrangement was approved of, as will appear by a reference to our Minutes: Nor can the majority on the Poll be considered as expressing the sense of the body at large, the numbers for the motion being 46 Ministers, & 12 Elders,—against it 29 Ministers & 4 Elders.

3. Because we cannot suggest to the Representative of our Sovereign the propriety of depriving one third of the Ministers of this Synod of a considerable portion of an income, of which they have, for some years, been in possession, on the faith of his Majesty's Government, "that the Bounty once granted, shall in no case be withdrawn from any Minister, during his continuance in his Congregation, so long as it shall please his Majesty to continue the Bounty to the Body at large," in reliance on which, many Ministers have formed their domestic arrangements, & commenced a course of education for their families.

4. Because in firm reliance on this publick engagement, Students have devoted themselves to our profession, young Ministers have been settled in Congregations, & aged & infirm pastors have relinquished their stipend to Assistants, reserving the Royal bounty alone, for their support in their declining years.

5. Because, no proof has been, or in our opinion can be adduced, that the present mode of distribution is *im*proper, or *im*politic, or *dis*advantageous—it being an incontrovertible truth, that Ministers placed in Cities or large Towns, or in extended or populous Congregations have a fair claim to a larger Bounty from the State than others, whose situations subject them to less expense, & whose ministerial labours, however respectable, cannot have so extensive an influence on society.

6. Because, this mode of proceeding may establish a precedent for frequent application to Government for a change in the mode sf distribution, thereby endangering the comfort & security of Ministers, discouraging Parents from devoting their Sons to our profession, fomenting a Spirit of Discontent & Discord among the people & thus defeating the gracious purpose of his Majesty in the late extension of the Royal Bounty to the Ministers of this Body.

Cookstown 26th June 1806.

Benjamin McDowel, D.D.
Robert Black, D.D.
William Bruce, D.D.
Robert Rentoul
Samuel Barber
John McCance
John Thom
Andrew Craig
George Hay
William Moreland
Thomas McKay
Thomas Cuming
William Monteith
Hugh Brooke
Samuel Cuthbertson
Joseph Osborne
John Whiteside
John Davison
Josiah Ker
William Hamilton
James Horner
William Ramsay
Robert Orr
William Dunlop
Henry Elder

Alexander Montgomery for the second reason.
Henry Simson for Do.
Benjamin Mitchel for Do.
William Moore for Do.
Samuel Watson for the third reason.

Mr Montgomery

III. A Memorial was presented to the Synod from the Rev. Alexander Montgomery, a member of the Presbytery of Ballymena, complaining of the proceedings of said Presbytery, as precipitate & irregular, in their sentence against him, of suspension for two Lord's days, and admonition by the Moderator, for marrying Elizabeth Agnew contrary to Synodical regulations, and appealing from the sentence of his Presbytery to the General Synod.

Appeal dismissed

After hearing Mr Montgomery in support of his appeal, & the Presbytery in support of their sentence, the parties were desired to withdraw; when, after serious & mature consideration, it was unanimously resolved, that the appeal be dismissed, that the sentence of the Presbytery of Ballymena has been too lenient, and that the Presbytery of Ballymena be directed to revise this sentence & make it conformable to the rule of Synod in such cases.

Mr Wm Burke

The Memorial of the Rev. William Burke, so far as it relates to the settlement of his, & his late Father's accounts with the Congregation of Ramelton, is referred to the Presbytery of Letterkenny, who engage to see justice done in this case, before the Ordination of another Minister. The remaining part of the Memorial is referred to the Interloquitur.

Session concluded with prayer.

Interloquitur. Friday 3 o'clock Afternoon.

Thanks to the Clerk

It was moved, & unanimously agreed to, that our Clerk shall receive the thanks of this Interloquitur for his zeal & diligence in recovering the Minutes respecting the Widows' fund from its Origin, and for the great pains he has taken in transcribing them into a Book for the information of the Contributors. And thanks were given accordingly.

A statement of the receipts & payments of his Majesty's Bounty ending 29th Septr 1805, was submitted to this Interloquitur by Dr Black, & found correct, & satisfactory.

The accounts of the Agent to the Widows' fund were inspected & found correct.

Trustees' Letter

A letter from the Trustees of the Widows' fund was read in which they recommended to the Contributors to invest as soon as possible, the present balance in the Agent's hands in consolidated Bank stock. Dr Black is ordered to co-operate with the Trustees in carrying this recommendation into effect.

Mr Horner a Trustee

Resolved unanimously, that the Rev. James Horner be added to the number of the Trustees for the Widows' fund. Mr Horner signified his acceptance of the Trust.

Dr Black stated, that, previous to the last meeting of Synod, he had made an humble representation to his Majesty's Government relative to the English Bounty, which had not been included in the estimate, for providing for the arrangement of 1803. Dr Black's report

That on the second of July last, he received an order from the Right Honourable, N. Vansittart, Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant, by which the said Bounty is appropriated in aid of the Widows' fund, without deduction for Agent's fees, or any drawback whatever.

That anxious that the Annuitants on the fund should experience without delay the effects of his Majesty's Royal Munifience, he lost no time in consulting the several Presbyteries, &, with their concurrence, he paid the Annuitants of last year the sum of £25, each—That in so doing he hopes for the approbation of this Interloquitur, as the said increase of the Annuities, will not affect the regulations for augmenting the Capital of the fund, entered into in 1804, at which time this valuable addition to its annual income was not calculated on.

Resolved that this Interloquitur feel a grateful sense of the great liberality of Government in the munifient Donation made by them, in the course of the last year, to the Widows' fund; and, that Dr Black, our Agent, is deserving of our warmest thanks for his assiduous & successful labours in obtaining said Donation.

Resolved that this Interloquitur do approve of our Agent's conduct in paying £25 to each Annuitant on the Widows' fund last year, & that he be instructed to pay the same to each Annuitant this year.

Inserted July 23d 1806, by

THO. CUMING,

Clerk of Gen. Synod.

A Gen. Synod at Cookstown June 30, 1807.

Dr William Neilson the Moderator opened this Synod by preaching from Psalm cxxx, 4, then constituted it by prayer: after which were present from the several Presbyteries the following members, viz., from:—

Minrs.	Elders.
Bangor Presbytery.	
James Sinclair	
Robt. Atcheson	Jas. Carson
Josiah Ker	
John Arnold	
Andrew G. Malcom	
Dublin Presbytery.	
Dr. McDowel	
James Horner	
Ballymena Presbytery.	
James Cuming	
Tho. Henry	Alexr. Kilpatrick
Hen. Henry	Wm. Smith
Benjamin Mitchel	
L.Kenny Presbytery.	
James Taylor	
John Holmes	
William Ramsay	
William Huston	
Alexr. Marshal	
Francis Dill	
James Huston	
Samuel Dill	
Joseph Lyttle	
Edward Reid	
Clogher Presbytery.	
James Ker	
Andrew Millar	
William Johnston	
Jas. Davison	John Baird
Ephraim Stevenson	
James Hall	
Root Presbytery.	
John Whiteside	
Robert Rentoul	
Tho. Greer	Sam. Leslie
Sol. Brown	John Brady
John Sims	

Minrs.	Elders.
Monaghan Presbytery.	
John Davys	
John McCurdy	
Joseph Denham	
James Morell	
James Gibson	
Archibald Meharg	
Tyrone Presbytery.	
Dr. Dickson	Hen. McWilliam
William Moore	Wm. Cusack
Hugh Boylan	
George Dougal	Jos. Cowan
Tho. McKay	David Millar
John Davison	Josias Fleming
Robert Stewart	Robt. Somerville
John Cowan	John Brown
Moses Chambers	Jno. Alexander
Bobert Hogg	
David Bennet	Jas. Anderson
Armagh Presbytery.	
Dr. Neilson	
Tho. Cuming	
Nath. Shaw	
Dr. W. Neilson	James Dickie
Saml. Arnold	
Robert Adams	Robt. Boyd
Strabane Presbytery.	
William Dunlop	
Tho. Anderson	
Wm. McCrea	
John McFarland	
Derry Presbytery.	
Dr. Black	
Hugh Brooke	
Richard Dill	
James Canning	
Matth. Heron	
George Hay	

Minrs.	Elders.
T. Patrick Presbytery.	
Robert Thomson	
Tho. Alexander	
Robt. Campbell	Jas. Steen
Nath. Alexander	Geo. Foresythe
Jas. C. Ledlie	Upton Marshal
Dromore Presbytery.	
Jas. Birch	Robt. Kinghan
Dr. Little	
John Sherrard	
Wm. Fletcher	
John McClelland	
John McCance	
John McIlwain	Archd. Stevenson

Minrs.	Elders.
Dromore Presbytery—continued.	
Ham. Dobbin	John Magee
Wm. Magowan	Jas. Turretine
James Black	
Belfast Presbytery.	
Andrew Greer	
Sam. Hanna	John Smylie
Sam. Watson	
James McCullogh	
Henry Simson	
Elder.	
Reuben Rogers	Bovevagh

Dr Neilson having moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, the following brethren were named, viz., Messrs Acheson, Hen. Henry, Taylor, Stevenson, Greer, Denham, McKay, S. Arnold, Anderson, Brooke, T. Alexander, Dr Little, & Mr Hanna. The Roll was called & Mr Henry chosen. Mr Cuming continued Clerk. Mr Hen. Henry chosen Moderator

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night & to prepare lists to be given to the Clerk to-morrow morning, of their members for the several committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, & Gen. Synod's fixed committee—An account of such Ministers as have died, been ordained, or installed; of such candidates as have been licensed, or entered on trials since last Gen. Synod; & of such students as have been examined previous to their going to College, by their respective Presbyteries: an account of Annuitants on the fund; of any that have died; of the time when such did die;—Also of such women, in their bounds, as have been wives of Ministers, & are not on the Fund.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

Second Session. Wednesday morning, ten o'clock.

After prayer, returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their members for the several committees, also the following reports:—

Bangor Presbytery report, that, in consequence of a supplication from the Congregation of Dunmurry, they took it again under their care, and ordained Mr Andrew George Malcom in that Congregation, on the 11th March last, who is a contributor to the Widows' fund; that they examined Mr Henderson Wightman, on the first Tuesday in November last previous to going to College, according to Synodical appointment: that Mrs Dobbin died about the 12th April last. Have on the fund Mrs Jackson, Mrs Hull, now in America, Mrs Bryson, Ordained Died

supposed to be living in England, Mrs Patterson, Mrs Porter, & Mrs Cochran.

Died

Dublin Presbytery report, that they have, in their bounds, upon the fund, Mrs Rogers, widow of the late Robert Rogers of Corboy: that the Rev. Wm Wilson died on the 9th June last, leaving a widow & family.

Died

Ballymena Presbytery report, that Mrs Douglas died some time in Spring last; & that they have entered on first trials Mr Robert Stewart. Widow on the fund Mrs Lyndsay.

Ordained

Suspended

Letterkenny Presbytery [report], that they ordained Mr Reid at Ramelton on the 18th Decemr last who is a contributor to the Widows' fund; that they suspended, *sine die*, Mr James Delap of Fannit on the 19th Novr last: that they examined previous to going to College, according to Synodical appointment, Mr William Ray. They have on the fund Mrs Delap & Mrs Burke.

Died

Clogher Presbytery report, that the Rev. William Moorhead died on the 15th September last: that they licensed Mr John Johnston on the first Tuesday of Novr 1806: that they examined Mr Henry Carson, at same time, previous to his going to College. Have on the fund Mrs Mulligan, & Mrs Moorhead.

Root Presb. report, that they have on first trials Messrs Andrew Shannon, Henry Macook, & John Samson: that they examined Messrs Thomas Campbell, David Caldwell, Henry Graham, & Jas Graham, previous to their going to College according to Synodical appointment. Have on the fund, Mrs Gaston, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Elder, Mrs Davis, Mrs Mullan, Mrs Cameron, Mrs Glasgo, & families of Messrs Henry & Knox.

Monaghan Presb. report, that they have entered on first trials Mr William Lyster, & on second trials, Mr John Johnston. They have on the fund Mrs Warnock, Mrs Fleming, Mrs Spratt, Mrs Smith, Mrs Montgomery, and Mrs Whiteside.

Tyrone Presb. report, that they have licensed Mr James Philips according to Synodical regulations: Have on first trials Messrs Dunlop, Willis, Johnston, Fleming, & John & Joseph Howard. Examined previous to going to College for the first time, John Harkness, Robert Allen, James Ferguson, John Whyte, & John Wilson. Have on the fund Mrs Smyth, Mrs Stitt, Mrs Adams, Mrs Simson, & families of Messrs Hogg & Kenedy. Mrs Duffin died on the 15th January last.

Died

Ordained

Died

Armagh Presb. report, that they ordained the Rev. Robt. Adams in Clare, on the 22nd June last, who is a contributor to the Widows' fund, & that they licensed Mr Hugh Woods on the 15th June. Mrs Livingston died on the 5th July last. They have on the fund Mrs Sloane, & the family of Mr Dickson. Not on the fund Mrs Moody.

Strabane Presb. report, that they have on the fund Mrs Turbitt, Mrs Hamill, & the family of Mr Osborne.

Derry Presb. report, that in August last they licensed Mr Wm Lithgow according to Synodical regulations: That they examined Messrs Kydds and Cuthbertson previous to their going to College. That

they have entered on first trials Messrs Dill and Glendy. That they have on the fund Mrs Walker, Mrs Scott, Mrs Patten, & family of Mr Patten.

Templepatrick Presb. report, that they licensed on the first Tuesday [of] Augt last, Mr James Harper: that they examined Mr William John Bell previous to his going to College, & Messrs Carley, Findlay, & Montgomery after their return. That Mr Wright died on the first & Mrs Cowan on the 31st May last. Have on the fund Mrs Dunbar, Mrs White, Mrs Gibson, & family of Mr Lewson. Died

Dromore Presb. report, that they have on first trials Mr Andrew McAulay: That they have on the fund Mrs Strong, M^{rs} McComb, Mrs Thomson, Mrs Magee, Mrs Hay, & Mrs Smyth.

Belfast Presb. report, that the Rev. James Malcom died Octr 3^{d} 1805, & left a Widow & family. That the Rev. Alexander Henry died on the 14th July last, leaving a Widow & family. That they ordained the Rev. Charles Gray in the Congregation of Castlereagh on the 3^{d} March last, who subscribed the Westminster confession of Faith, & is a contributor to the Widows' fund. That they have on first trials Mr William McEwen. That they twice examined Mr John Walker, previous to his going to College. That they have on the fund Mrs Kinkead, Mrs Kenedy, M^{rs} McEwen, Mrs Rowan, Mrs Kelburn, Mrs Malcom, and Mrs Henry. Died Ordained

General Synod's fixed Committee for 1807.

Presbs.		Minrs.
Bangor,	Messrs	Taggart & Atcheson
Dublin,	,,	D^{r} McDowel & Mr Horner
B.mena,	,,	Tho. Henry & Hamilton
L.Kenny,	,,	Ja^{s} Huston & Reid
Clogher,	,,	Millar & Johnston
Root,	,,	Greer & Whiteside
Monaghan,	,,	Denham & Morell
Tyrone,	,,	McKay & Moore
Armagh,	,,	Shaw & Thom
Strabane,	,,	Anderson & McFarland
Derry,	,,	Dr Black & Mr Brook
T.Patrick,	,,	T. Alexander & Ledlie

Presbs.	Minrs.
Dromore,	Messrs McClelland & Sherrard
Belfast,	,, Greer & Brydone

These with an Elder from each Presbytery & our Moderator & Clerk, are to meet at Cookstown, when called by the Moderator on any emergency: fifteen to be a Quorum, of whom twelve at least are to be Ministers.

Committees to meet immediately. Open Synod at half-past two o'clock. Adjourned.

Third Session. Half-past two o'clock, P.M.

It was moved that the time, & place of next meeting be now fixed. Lurgan & Cookstown were put in nomination. The roll was called, & it carried Cookstown. The meeting to take place on the last Tuesday in June next. Divine Service to begin at five o'clock afternoon.

Address to the people

It was moved that the order of last Synod to the Presbytery of Belfast, to prepare an address to the people under the care of the Synod be rescinded, & that the pastoral address be in future discontinued. On the call of the roll this motion was negatived, and the address prepared by the Presbytery of Belfast being then read, was received and approved of, & committed to the care of D^{r} McDowel & Mr Horner to have fifty copies to each Congregation belonging to this Synod, printed & distributed without delay. And the Presbytery of Bangor as being next on the roll is ordered to prepare a similar address for the ensuing year.

Order to Clerk

Ordered that our Clerk, with the assistance of Mr Shaw & Dr William Neilson, do publish, along with the Minutes of this year, an abstract of our laws & rules from the year 1800 till the year 1804, & furnish a copy to each Minister of the Synod.

It was moved that the regulations of 1804, respecting the qualifications of candidates for the Ministry, be revised & amended. This motion agreed to, & D^{rs} McDowel, Little, Dickson, & Wm Neilson, with Messrs Hanna & McCance, are appointed to prepare the amendments, & to report them to the Synod at its next *Sederunt*.

Open Synod to-morrow morning at seven o'clock. Session adjourned with prayer.

Fourth Session. Thursday Morning, seven o'clock.

After prayer, the members appointed to revise & amend the regulations respecting the qualifications of Candidates for the Ministry, now made their report, which is as follows:—

On reviewing the Minutes of Synod, respecting the admission of Candidates for the Ministry from the year 1770, the following regulations were adopted in place of all former regulations.

Amended regulations respecting the admission of Candidates for the Ministry

I. That Students intending to become candidates for the Ministry, shall be examined & approved of, by a Presbytery of this Synod, in the Greek & Latin Languages, Geography, & English Grammar.

That such students having read Virgil, Horace, Sallust, & Cicero de Officiis, the Greek Testament, Homer, & Xenophon's Cyropaedia, may be examined in such of these books as the Presbytery may find sufficient to satisfy them of their possessing a competent knowledge of the Greek & Latin languages.

That the Presbytery report annually to the Synod the names of the students they have examined & approved of, & shall give such students certificates of their approbation.

II. That it be recommended to the Presbyteries, that every Student shall be examined by his Presbytery on his return from College, each Session, in the sciences he has studied during that session.

That the intervals between the College Sessions, shall be spent in studying the following subjects, Civil History, Jewish Antiquities, Ecclesiastical History, Bible Criticism, and Divinity, as the Presbyteries may find proper to prescribe. The Presbyteries to require specimens of composition, elocution, & devotional exercises.

III. That Students be permitted to enter on presbyterial trials upon their studying Divinity, Hebrew, and Church History, in a regular Seminary of Learning one Session after taking a degree in Arts.

IV. If any Student shall have commenced his Studies without a particular view to the Ministry, or should come from another Church, & afterwards direct his attention to the Presbyterian Ministry: upon presenting himself to a Presbytery, he shall be examined as other Students are at their entrance, & if found qualified, he shall be placed on the same footing with Students who have attended the same number of Sessions at College he has done.

V. Should any Presbytery license any young man to preach the Gospel, in violation of these rules, such license shall be deemed null & void, & the Presbytery so offending subjected to the severe censure of this Synod.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

Fifth Session. Thursday Morning ten o'clock.

Dr Wm Neilson reports

After prayer, Dr William Neilson, the late Moderator read a report of the manner in which he & his fellow commissioners appointed to wait upon the Lord Lieutenant, had executed their commission; upon which it was moved & unanimously agreed to, that thanks be returned to the Commissioners for the faithful manner in which they had executed their commission. Thanks were returned from the chair accordingly.

Dr Neilson read also the Lord Lieutenant's answer to our address of last year, likewise a letter from Mr Secretary Elliot, in answer to the application of the Synod for an equalization of his Majesty's bounty which were ordered to be inserted in the minutes & are as follows.—

LORD LIEUTENANT'S ANSWER.

The Ministers & Elders of the General Synod of Ulster are entitled to my best thanks, for the cordiality with which they express their satisfaction at my appointment to the Government of this part of the United Kingdom. I can assure them that it shall ever be the most important object of my administration, as it is the most anxious wish of my heart to secure to every class & description of his Majesty's subjects in Ireland, all the blessings connected with civil & religious liberty: and it will give me sincere pleasure to convey to our most gracious Sovereign the assurances contained in the Address now presented to me, of gratitude for his paternal care, & of loyal attachment to his sacred Person & Government.

THE SECRETARY'S ANSWER.

Dublin Castle 26th July 1806.

Sir,

His Grace the Lord Lieutenant, having given the most mature deliberation to the suggestions which you were deputed to communicate to him, in respect to the arrangement of the Regium Donum, and having also taken the sentiments of his Majesty's confidential servants on the subject, I am commanded to acquaint you, for the information of the respectable persons, who compose the Presbyterian Synod of Ulster, that it is not judged advisable to recommend to his Majesty any alteration in the mode at present adopted in the distribution of that Fund.

I have the honour to be

Sir, your Most obedt humble servant

W. ELLIOT.

Rev. Dr Neilson, Dundalk.

Committee to devise a plan for supplying the poor wt Bibles

On reading the order of last year to the different Presbyteries to ascertain the number of Bibles, that may be necessary to supply the families of the poor in the Congregations within their bounds; it was moved & agreed to, that a committee consisting of a member from each Presbytery be appointed to devise some expedient method, for immediately carrying said object into effect. The committee to meet in the Meeting-house this evening at 8 o'clock & to report to-morrow morning.

The Presb. of B.mena

The Presbytery of Ballimena being asked whether they had put the sentence of suspension against Mr Montgomery in execution, according to the Synod's order of last year, answered that they had ordered

one of their members to signify to the Congregation of Antrim the Synod's order; but that they had been induced to defer putting the sentence of suspension in execution, on account of Mr Montgomery's Congregation having, at present, no Meeting-house of their own to assemble in for publick worship. The Presbytery having requested advice how they should proceed under these circumstances, the Synod advises to put the sentence of suspension against Mr Montgomery in execution, without delay.

OVERTURE.

It was overtured and unanimously agreed to, that the following Address be presented to the Lord Lieutenant.

TO HIS GRACE CHARLES DUKE OF RICHMOND, LORD LIEUTENANT GENERAL, & GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

May it please your Grace,

We his Majesty's most dutiful & loyal subjects, the Ministers & Elders of the General Synod of Ulster, assembled at our annual meeting, request permission to offer to your Grace our respectful congratulations on your Grace's appointment, as Chief Governor of this part of the United Kingdom. Address to the Lord Lieutenant

We have observed, with particular satisfaction, the declarations which your Grace has been pleased to make of a fixed determination to afford equal protection to all classes of his Majesty's Subjects entrusted to your government; & we feel a confident hope, that the Presbyterians connected with the Synod of Ulster will merit your Grace's favourable opinion, by an unshaken loyalty to the person of their most Gracious Sovereign, accompanied by a temper of kindness & conciliation towards their fellow-subjects, of every religious denomination.

Signed in our name, & by our order, at Cookstown, this 3d day of July 1807.

HENRY HENRY, Moderator.

Dr McDowel & Mr Horner are appointed to present this Address to the Lord Lieutenant, & to have the Address, with his Grace's Answer published.

BILLS.

I. A Memorial was presented to the Synod by the Rev. Francis Dill, a member of the Presbytery of Letterkenny, complaining of that Presbytery for refusing to take into their consideration a charge brought by Memorialist against the Rev. Andw Alexander, a member of said Presbytery, and appealing from the Presbytery's decision to the General Synod. Rev. Fras Dill

Rev. Samuel Dill

A Memorial was also presented to the Synod by the Rev. Samuel Dill, complaining that the Presbytery of Letterkenny had disannexed him from said Presbytery in violation of the rules of the General Synod, & praying to be annexed to some other Presbytery belonging to the Synod.

The Messrs Dills were heard in support of the allegations in their respective memorials, & the Presbytery of Letterkenny in defence of their conduct, when it was resolved that, on account of the lateness of the hour the further consideration of this affair be deferred till to-morrow morning.

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

Sixth Session. Friday Morning, 7 o'clock.

Report re-committed

After prayer, the Committee appointed to devise a plan for supplying the poor in our Congregations with Bibles, produced their report, which was read & considered at some length, when it was recommitted in order more completely to meet the wishes of the Synod.

The adjourned discussion of the matter at issue between the Presbytery of Letterkenny & the Messrs Dills was then resumed & proceeded in at considerable length, when the consideration of this business was further adjurned till the next *sederunt.*

Seventh Session. Friday morning ten o'clock.

Messrs Dills & the Presb. of Letterkenny

After prayer, the consideration of the complaint of Messrs Francis & Samuel Dill against the Presbytery of Letterkenny being again resumed, & maturely considered; it was resolved that the memorial of Mr Francis Dill be dismissed, but that this Synod do declare their decided disapprobation of the principle on which, the Presbytery of Letterkenny refused to consider the charge brought against one of their members.

It was further resolved, that the conduct of the Presbytery of Letterkenny, in disannexing Mr Saml Dill, has been irregular & disorderly, & that they be rebuked from the chair.

Ordered that Messrs Fra^{s} & Saml Dill be disannexed from the Presbytery of Letterkenny, and annexed to the Presbytery of Root, & that our Moderator be instructed to advise Mr Saml Dill to temper his zeal with prudence & discretion, in future.

The Presbytery were rebuked, & Mr S. Dill admonished accordingly.

Mr William Burke

II. Two Memorials were presented to the Synod by Mr William Burke, late pastor of the Congregation of Ramelton: The first com-

plaining of the Presb. of Letterkenny for unjustly disannexing him from the Congregation of Ramelton, & praying the Synod to restore to him his first year's subscription to the Widows' fund.

The second praying to have justice done to the family of the late Mr Wm Burke, & to consider the justice of Memoralist's claim to the stipend & bounty, payable to the Minister, during the interval between his disannexation from the Congregation of Ramelton, & the Synod's sanction thereof.

The first memorial was dismissed because the disannexation of Mr Burke from the Congregation of Ramelton had been sustained last year, & the conduct of the Presbytery approved of, & because the latter part of this memorial belongs only to the Interloquitur. Meml dismissed

With respect to the second Memorial, the Synod enjoins the Presbytery to see justice done to the family of the late Mr Burke, but It judges Mr Burke's claim to the stipend & Bounty during the interval of disannexation inadmissible.

III. A Supplication was presented to the Synod from the congregation of Tobermore, praying the Synod to devise & adopt such methods, as in their wisdom may seem most effectual, to recover for them possession of their meeting-house. This supplication referred to the Interloquitur. Tobermore

IV. Two supplications were presented from the United congregations of Fintona & Dromore, the supplication from Fintona praying to be erected into a separate congregation, & that from Dromore, to be continued united to the congregation of Fintona. Fintona & Dromore

Resolved that these supplications be referred to the Presbytery of Clogher, & that they report on them, at the next meeting of Synod.

V. A Memorial was presented from the Rev. James Delap, appealing from the sentence of suspension pronounced upon him by the Presbytery of Letterkenny, & praying to be restored to the exercise of the ministerial office, or to have a fair trial in the Meeting-house of Fannit before his Congregation. Meml of the Rev. Jas Delap

Connected with this Memorial, two supplications were read, one from the Session of the Congregation of Fannit, praying to have the sentence of the Presbytery confirmed; & the other from a number of the members of the Congregation, praying that Mr Delap's supplication may be granted.

Resolved that the sentence of the Presbytery of [Letterkenny] be affirmed, & their conduct in that matter approved of. Dismissed

The Committee appointed to devise a plan to supply the poor in our respective Congregations with Bibles, now made their report, which is as follows:—

That it is their unanimous opinion that this Synod would most materially promote the cause of pure & undefiled religion, by adopting & recommending the following plan:— Report of the Committee for supplying the poor with Bibles

1. That the Ministers of this Synod, on the last Sabbath of July, or as soon after as they conveniently can, after preaching to, or addressing their respective Congregations, on the necessity, & advantages of procuring for the poor, in their congregations, & neighbourhoods, copies of the holy Scriptures, do, for themselves subscribe, & take a collection from their people, for the purpose of purchasing Bibles.

2. That the different sums thus produced be paid into the hands of the Moderators of the Presbyteries to which said Ministers shall belong, who shall forward the sums they shall so reeeive to the Rev. Mr Thomson, of Carnmoney, the Rev. Messrs Hanna, & Atcheson of Belfast, or the Rev. Mr Simpson, of Saintfield, who are hereby appointed a committee for conducting the affairs, & managing the funds of this charitable institution.

That this Committee after taking every step necessary to obtain satisfactory information, shall order the required number of Bibles, wherever they can be procured on the best terms, & shall forward to every Presbytery a number of Bibles, in proportion as nearly as may be, to the sums they may have respectively advanced, to be by them distributed *Gratis*, or at reduced prices as they shall think proper.

The Committee appointed for conducting this business to report to the next meeting of Synod.

The Synod adopts this plan, & recommends it to its members, & the Congregations under their care.

Erratum in Synod's Minutes of 1805

☞ Whereas an error appears in Section fifth in the Minutes of our Sixth Session, in the year 1805, it is ordered that said error be now corrected thus:—

A petition presented on the part of the new erected Congregation of Keady, praying an answer to the following question, viz, "Why were we not included in your negotiations with Government respecting Bounty?" was withdrawn.

INTERLOQUITUR.

Friday, 5 o'clock, afternoon.

A statement of the receipts & payments of his Majesty's Bounty, ending the 29th September 1806, was submitted to this Interloquitur by Dr Black, & found correct & satisfactory,.

The accounts of the Agent for the Widows' fund were examined & found correct.

Order to Dr Black

Ordered that Dr Black do lend out, under the direction of the Trustees, the balance in his hands.

Resolution respecting Non-subscribers

Resolved that the members of this Interloquitur, who are not at present Subscribers to the Widows' Fund, be entitled to become subscribers, on their paying into the fund one year of their Regium

Donum, provided they signify their intention to the Agent, within three months from this date, but not otherwise.

Moved & carried, that Mr Burke be refunded the money which he has paid into the Widows' fund, but that this shall not be a precedent for future applications. Mr Burke refunded

THO. CUMING, Clerk of Gen. Synod.

Inserted Novr 28th 1807.

A General Synod at Cookstown, June 28th 1808.

The Rev. Henry Henry, the Moderator, opened this Synod by preaching from John xv. 12; then constituted it by prayer: after which were present from the several presbyteries the following members, viz., from :—

Minrs.	Elders.
Dublin Presbytery.	
James Horner	Wm. Gilbert
Andw. McCaldin	
William McEwen	
Ballymena Presbytery.	
Tho. Henry	Alexr. Kilpatrick
Henry Henry	George Jackson
Alexr. Montgomery	John Ferguson
William Hamilton	
Letterkenny Presbytery.	
Edward Reid	
Clogher Presbytery.	
Andrew Millar	
James Ker	Robt. Armstrong
William Johnston	
James Davidson	
Booth Caldwell	
Root Presbytery.	
Daniel Blair	
Alexr. Martin	John Hamill
James Brown	
Samuel Dill	Richard Dill
Charles Kenedy	John Little
James Boyle	
Thomas Greer	John Leslie
John Whiteside	
Solomon Brown	Matth. Kevan
John Sims	
Monaghan Presbytery.	
Matthew Trimble	
Joseph Denham	
Samuel Kenedy	
James Morell	
Archd. Meharg	
John Johnston	
Tyrone Presbytery.	
Dr. Dickson	
James Whiteside	
William Moore	Jas. McIlwaine
George Dougal	
Tho. McKay	Alexr. Ferguson
John Davidson	John Young
William Reid	
Robert Stewart	
John Cowan	Robt. Davison
Moses Chambers	Alexr. Holmes
David Bennet	
Armagh Presbytery.	
Dr. Neilson	
Tho. Cuming	
Nathaniel Shaw	
Strabane Presbytery.	
William Dunlop	
Tho. Anderson	Saml. Armar
John McFarlan	Nathl. Patten
Derry Presbytery.	
Dr. Black	
Richard Dill	Willm. Lithgow
David Hamilton	Wm. McConkey
Matthew Herron	Wm. Glendy
George Hay	
Templepatrick Presbytery.	
Robert Thomson	
Nathaniel Alexander	
Dromore Presbytery.	
James Birch	John McMurray
John Thomson	William Farquar
Alexr. Patterson	Geo. McClelland
William Wright	
Hamilton Dobbin	
Moses Findlay	
James Black	

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Belfast Presbytery.		Bangor Presbytery.	
Andrew Greer		Andrew Craig	
James McCullogh	John Corry	Robert Acheson	
Henry Simson		John Mulligan	
Charles Gray		Andrew G. Malcom	

Mr Henry having moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, the following Brethren were named, viz., Messrs McCaldin, Caldwell, Blair, Denham, Makay, Dunlop, R. Dill, Thomson, Patterson, Greer, & Mulligan. The Roll was called and Mr Denham chosen. Mr Denham chosen Moderator

Mr Cuming continued Clerk.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night & to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk to-morrow morning of their members for the several committees of overtures, bills, books, Gen. Synod's fixed committee. An account of such ministers as have died, been ordained, or installed; of such candidates as have been licensed, or entered on trials since last Gen. Synod; of such students as have been examined previous to their going to College by their respective Presbyteries: an account of annuitants on the fund; of any that have died; of the time when such did die; also of such women in their bounds, as have been wives of Ministers & are not on the fund. Order to Presbyteries

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

Second Session. Wednesday morning ten o'clock.

After prayer, returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their members for the several committees, also the following reports:—

Dublin Presbytery report, that they ordained the Rev. William D. H. McEwen on the 16th March last as Colleague to the Rev. Hugh Moore, of Usher's Quay, & that he is a Contributor to the Widows' fund. That they have in their bounds Mrs Cochran, Widow of the late James Cochran of Ballywalter, Mrs Rogers widow of the late Mr Rogers of Corboy, and Mrs Wilson. Ordained

Ballimena Presbytery report, that they have on first trials Messrs Robert Stewart & Samuel Butler; & on second trials Mr Henry Cook. They have on the fund Mrs Lyndsay, & family of the late Mr Douglas.

Letterkenny Presbytery report, that the Rev. Joseph Love died on the 26th September last, leaving a family, also that the Rev. Andrew Alexander died April 30th, & left a widow & family. That they ordained Mr James Marshal in the Congregation of Fannit, on the 17th February last, who subscribed the Westminster Confession of Faith, & is a Contributor to the Widows' fund. That they have examined Mr John Hamilton previous to his going to College. Have on the fund Mrs Delap, Mrs Burke, Mrs Alexander, & family of Mr Love. Died Ordained

Died

Clogher Presbytery report, that Mrs Mulligan died on the 25th December last, and that they have on the fund Mrs Moorhead.

Root Presbytery report, that they licensed Messrs Shannon, Cook, & Samson, in the month of July last, according to Synodical regulations — Examined William McClenaghan, John Brown, Saml Hill, & Benjamin Jameson, previous to going to college, & on their return; also Samuel Caldwell on his return from a second Session. They have entered on first trials, James Huey. Have on the fund Mrs Gaston, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Elder, Mrs Davis, Mrs Glasgo, & families of Messrs Henry & Knox. Mrs McMullan died 10th April 1807.

Died

Ordained

Monaghan Presbytery report, that they ordained Mr John Johnston at Coothill, on the 2d February last, as assistant & successor to Mr Stewart: Mr Johnston is a contributor to the Widows' fund. They have on first trials, Messrs William Lyster, Matthew Trimble, Patrick Whyte, & James Porter. Mrs Spratt died on the 27th Jan. last, & Mrs Fleming about the same time. They have on the fund Mrs Warnock, Mrs Smith, Mrs Montgomery, & Mrs Whiteside.

Died

Tyrone Presbytery report, that they have licensed Mr James Dunlop according to Synodical regulations. Have examined previous to their going to college, Messrs William & James Fleming, Alexander Henry, James Magill, John Harkness, & William Aiken. That the Rev. Hugh Boylan died on the 9th October last leaving a Widow and family. That they have on the fund Mrs Smith, Mrs Stitt, Mrs Adams, Mrs Simson, Mrs Boylan, & families of Messrs Hogg & Kenedy.

Died

Connection dissolved

Armagh Presbytery report, that they licensed according to synodical regulations Mr William Maclaine to preach the Gospel, on the 13th April last. That they dissolved the connection between Mr Charleton & the Congregation of Markethill on the 15th Inst. They have on the fund Mrs Sloan, & families of Livingston & Dickson. Not on the fund Mrs Moody.

Strabane Presbytery report, that they have examined Mr Moore previous to his going to College—have on first trials Mr Armar: on the fund Mrs Turbitt, Mrs Hamill, & the family of Mr Osborne.

Derry Presbytery report, that they have on the fund Mrs Walker, Mrs Scott, & Mrs Patten.

Resigned

Templepatrick Presbytery report, that the Rev. James Ledlie resigned the charge of the Congregation of Donegore, on the 10th May last, & received credentials from the Presbytery. That they entered on first trials Messrs Carley, Montgomery, & Whyte; and have on the funds Mrs Dunbar, Mrs Whyte, Mrs Gibson, & family of Mr Lewson.

Dromore Presbytery report, that they licensed Mr Andrew McAulay, who subscribed the Westminster confession of Faith. They have entered on first trials Messrs Samuel Livingston & George McClelland. They examined previous to their going to college, Messrs Stewart, Hanna & McEwen. Have on the fund Mrs Strong, Mrs Thomson, Mrs Magee, Mrs Hay, & the family of Mr Smith. Mrs McComb died in February last.

Died

Belfast Presbytery report, that they licensed Mr McEwen, who subscribed the Westminster confession of faith. That they examined Mr John Walker previous to going to College the third time; Messrs Saml Simson, William Skelly, and William McCullagh, previous to going to College the first time. That they have on the fund Mrs Kinkead, Mrs Kenedy, Mrs McEwen, Mrs Rowan, Mrs Kelburn, Mrs Malcom, & Mrs Henry.

Bangor Presbytery report, that they licensed Mr John Davis, according to Synodical regulations on Tuesday 2d February last. That the Rev. David Taggart died on the 16th March last, leaving neither Widow nor family. Have on the fund Mrs Jackson, Mrs Bryson supposed to be living in England, Mrs Patterson, Mrs Porter, & Mrs Cochran. Died

Antrim Presbytery report, that on the 23d Inst. they installed the Rev. James C. Ledlie in the first congregation of Larne. Installed

Gen. Synod's fixed Committee for the year 1808.

Presbs.		Minrs.
Dublin,	Messrs	McCaldin & McEwen
Ballymena,	,,	Hall & Mitchel
L.Kenny,	,,	Ramsay & Holmes
Clogher,	,,	Johnston & Davidson
Root,	,,	Greer & Sol. Brown
Monaghan,	,,	Trimble & Morell
Tyrone,	,,	Dr Dickson & Mr Bennet
Armagh,	,,	Shaw & Adams
Strabane,	,,	Hemphill & Guilkie
Derry,	,,	Dr Black & R. Dill
T.Patrick,	,,	Thomson & N. Alexander
Dromore,	,,	Birch & Thomson
Belfast,	,,	Greer & Gray
Bangor,	,,	Mulligan & Malcom.

These with an elder from each Presbytery, and our Moderator & Clerk, are to meet at Cookstown when called by the Moderator on any

emergency; Fifteen to be a quorum, of whom twelve, at least, are to be Ministers.

Adjourned. Committees to meet immediately. Open Synod at 1 o'clock.

Third Session. Wednesday, 1 o'clock, P.M.

Synod to meet at Cookstown

After prayer, it was moved that the time & place of next meeting be now fixed. Cookstown & Monaghan were put in nomination. The Roll was called and it carried Cookstown. The meeting to take place on the last Tuesday in June next. Divine Service to begin at 5 o'clock, afternoon.

Address to the people

The Presbytery of Bangor according to the Synod's order of last year, produced an address to the people under the pastoral care of the Synod, which was read, considered & approved of, & committed to Mr Horner & Mr McEwen, to have fifty copies printed & distributed to each Congregation belonging to this Synod, without delay. And the Presbytery of Dublin, being next on the Roll, is ordered to prepare a similar address for the ensuing year.

Presbytery of B.mena

The Presbytery of Ballimena reported, that they had put the sentence of suspension against Mr Montgomery in execution, according to the order of Synod at its last meeting.

The Committee appointed to conduct the business of supplying the poor in our respective Congregations with Bibles made their report which is ordered to remain *in retentis.*

Thanks to the Bible Comtee

Resolved unanimously, that the thanks of this Synod be returned to the committee for the great labour & pains they have taken in forwarding & conducting this business during the last year; that they be requested with the assistance of the Rev. Mr Malcom, to continue their exertions in so laudable a cause; & that it be warmly recommended to the Ministers of this Synod to be active & diligent in promoting subscriptions to an institution so well calculated to diffuse the knowledge of Divine truth among the poor in the congregations under the pastoral care of the Synod.

It is farther recommended that the subscriptions for purchasing the holy Scriptures, be forwarded to the Rev. Mr Hanna before the 1st October next.

Lord Lieutenant's Answer to the Synod's address of last year.

Gentlemen.

I beg leave to return my most sincere thanks to the Ministers and Elders of the Synod of Ulster, for their very obliging congratulations on my appointment to the Government of this country in the administration of which it is my firm purpose to afford equal protection to all classes of his Majesty's subjects—And I receive with the greatest satifaction, & confidence your assurances that the Presbyterians connected with the

Synod of Ulster, will ever merit that protection, by their unshaken loyalty to the person of our most gracious Soverign, and a temper of kindness & concilation towards their fellow subjects of every religious denomination.

BILLS.

Two Supplications from the united congregations of Fintona & Dromore were presented to the Synod; the supplication from Fintona praying to be separated from the Congregation of Dromore; and that from Dromore praying to be continued united to the Congregation of Fintona.

Resolved that the supplication from Fintona be rejected, & that the supplication from Dromore be granted.

Mr Horner gave notice, that he will move, at the next meeting of Synod, that a Committee be then appointed to draw up a code of Disciplinary laws for the Government of this Body.

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at seven o'clock.

Fourth Session. Thursday Morning, 7 o'clock.

After prayer, the Presbytery of Dublin stated that the Rev. John Boyle, an ordained Clergyman in the established church, having produced satisfactory testimonials of his moral character from the Vicar General of the Diocess of Derry during the time he had officiated as a clergyman in that Diocess, had since the meeting of this Synod, applied to be admitted into said Presbytery, with the view of becoming a minister of the Gospel in the Presbyterian church; & requested the Synod to direct them how to proceed in this case.

This business was entered into & proceeded on at some length, when its farther consideration was postponed till our next sederunt.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

Fifth Session. Ten o'clock.

After prayer, the farther consideration of the affair respecting Mr Boyle was resumed, when it was moved & seconded that, "it be recommended to the Presbytery of Dublin to receive Mr Boyle." The Roll was called & it carried "recommend to receive."

The Presbytery of Dublin having then requested instruction, in what capacity, whether as a student, a Probationer, or an Ordained Clergyman, they should receive Mr Boyle, it was moved that "Mr Boyle be received on trials, as the young men of our own Body who have finished their education at a regular seminary of learning." On the call of the Roll this motion was negatived.

The question was then put whether Mr Boyle be received on trials as "an ordained Clergyman without a Charge," or as "a Probationer?" On the call of the Roll it was carried that he be received as "a Probationer."

Synod concluded with Prayer.

INTERLOQUITUR.

Thursday, 3 o'clock afternoon.

A statement of the receipts & payments of his Majesty's bounty, ending the 29th September 1807 was submitted to this Interloquitur by Dr Black, and found correct & satisfactory.

The accounts of the Agent of the Widows' fund were examined & found correct.

Dr Black informed the interloquitur, that he had let out the balance in his hands according to the order of last year, & that it had been vested in Government consolidated Stock.

It was moved & carried, that, in order to create a fund for discharging the debts incurred by this Interloquitur, the Agent for his Majesty's bounty be requested to retain in his hands £2 per * from the ministers in the first class, £1 : 10 : 0 from each minister in the second class, & £1 from each minister in the third class.

It was then resolved that whereas Mr Burke has not yet been paid the sum ordered by the Interloquitur of last year, that the said sum be paid to him out of this fund.

It was also resolved that our Agent be requested to continue his exertions to put the Congregation of Tobermore in possession of their Meeting-house, & that the expense be defrayed out of the same fund.

Resolved that our Agent be requested to take such measures as may appear to him most likely to procure an act of Parliament to incorporate the institution of our Widows' fund.

A Memorial from Jos. C. Gamble was presented to the Interloquitur, praying to be permitted to pay the arrears & interest, due on his subscription to the Widows' fund, & to be continued a Subscriber. Granted.

Mr Horner gave notice, that he will move in the Interloquitur of next year, in order to inforce a due attendance of the Minrs at the annual meeting of this Synod, that a fine of 40s. shall be imposed on such Minrs as shall not answer to their names at the first and last call of the Roll: And if it be carried in the affirmative he will move that it shall take effect next year.

Ordered that our Agent do lend the balance in his hands to the Corporation of Derry.

THO. CUMING, Clerk of G. Synod.

Inserted August 24th 1808.

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* Word omitted.

A General Synod at Cookstown, the 27th June, 1809.

The Rev. Joseph Denham the Moderator, opened this Synod by preaching from 1 Peter iv. 8, then constituted it by prayer: after which were present from the several Presbyteries the following members, viz. from :—

Minrs.	Elders.
Ballimena Presbytery.	
Tho. Henry	Alex. Kilpatrick
Benjamin Mitchel	Wm. Knox
John Smith	
John Hall	
Henry Cook	
Robert Stewart	Robt. Elder
Joseph Howard	John McClure
Letterkenny Presbytery.	
William Huston	
Edward Reid	
James Marshal	Richd. Dill
Clogher Presbytery.	
Andrew Millar	Henry Carson
James Ker	Tho. Cunningham
William Johnston	
Ephraim Stevenson	
John Samson	
Root Presbytery.	
James McFarlane	
James Brown	Wm. McClenaghan
Francis Dill	Hugh Turretine
Samuel Dill	Wm. Rea
Thomas Greer	Wm. Ker
Solomon Brown	John McCurdie
Monaghan Presbytery.	
Wm. Moore	
Jno. Davis	John Livingston
Matth. Trimble	James Porter
Jno. McCurdie	Dr. Spear
Joseph Denham	
James Gowdy	
Hen. McIlree	Jos. Gibson
James Morell	
James Gibson	John Vogan
John Kelso	
Archibald Meharg	
John Johnston	

Minrs.	Elders.
Tyrone Presbytery.	
Dr. Dickson	
James Whiteside	Jas Whiteside
Wm. Moore	Wm. Harkness
Geo. Dougal	Dr. Graham
Tho. Makay	Hugh White
John Davidson	John Young
Robt. Stewart	John Burns
John Cowan	
Moses Chambers	Jno. Alexander
Robert Hogg	
David Bennet	
Andrew Shannon	
Armagh Presbytery.	
Dr. Neilson	
Thomas Cuming	
Nathl. Shaw	John Howard
Dr. Wm. Neilson	
Andrew G. Malcom	
Robert Adams	Robt. Boyd
Strabane Presbytery.	
William Dunlop	
David Guilkie	
Wm. McCrea	
John McFarlane	
Derry Presbytery.	
Dr. Black	
Hugh Brooke	
Richard Dill	
Wm. Monteith	
Matthew Heron	
John Mitchel	
George Hay	
Reuben Rogers.	
Templepatrick Presbytery.	
Robert Thomson	
Robert Campbell	
Nath. Alexander	Jas. Whitla

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Dromore Presbytery.		Bangor Presbytery.	
Saml. Barber	Sam. Dickson	John Arnold	
John Thomson	Wm. Bryson	William Moreland	
John Sherrard		Hugh Woods	
Alexander Patterson			
William Wright		Dublin Presbytery.	
John Hoey			
Hamilton Dobbin		Dr. McDowel	
Wm. McGowan	James Turretine	James Horner	
James Black	James White	Wm. McEwen	Richd. Maxwel
Belfast Presbytery.			
Andrew Greer			
Sam. Hanna	James Munfoad		
Jas. McCullogh	Hugh Boyd		
Henry Simson			
James Riddle			
Charles Gray			

Mr Hanna Modr

Mr Denham having moved that another Modr be chosen to this Synod, the following brethren were named, viz, Messrs Mitchel, Wm Huston, Jas McFarlane, Samson, Moore, Makay, Malcom, Dunlop, Monteith, Thomson, Sherrard, Hanna, Arnold, & McEwen. The Roll was called & Mr Hanna chosen.

Mr Cuming continued Clerk.

Order to Presbyteries

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, & to prepare lists to be given to the Clerk to-morrow morning of their members for the several committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, & Gen. Synod's fixed Committee. An account of such Ministers as have died, been ordained, or installed, of such candidates as have been licensed or entered on trials since last General Synod, & of such Students as have been examined previous to their going to college by their respective presbyteries:—An account of annuitants on the fund; of any that have died; of the time when such did die:—also of such women in their bounds as have been wives of Ministers, & are not on the Fund.

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Second Session. Wednesday Morning 10 *o'clock.*

After prayer, returns were made by the several presbyteries of their members for the several committees, also the following reports:—

Three ordained

Ballymena Presbytery report, that they have licensed Mr Robert Stewart, & Mr Samuel Butler: that they have ordained Mr Henry Cook in the Congregation of Denain Novr 10th 1808, & Mr Robert

Stewart in Broughshane, May 9th, & Mr Joseph Howard in Ahoghill June 20th 1809, who are contributors to the Widows' fund. They have on second trials Mr Saml Butler. They have examined Messrs Craig & Wallace previous to their going to college for the first time. The Rev. James Cuming died the third of March last, leaving a Widow. Have on the fund Mrs Lindsay, & the family of Mr Douglas. Died

Letterkenny Presbytery report, that they have licensed Mr John Allen to preach the Gospel, on the 8th August last; that they ordained Mr James Nelson in the Congregation of Stranorlane, on the 2d of Novr, & Mr John Gillespie in the congregation of Urney, on the 26th January last, who are contributors to the Widows' fund. They have examined Mr John McIlheney & John Ray previous to their going to college for the first time. Mrs Alexander died on the 3d January last. Have on the fund Mrs Delap, Mrs Burke, and the families of Messrs Alexander & Love. Two ordained Died

Clogher Presbytery report, that they ordained Mr Samson in the united congregation of Fintona & Dromore on the 6th September last, who is a contributor to the Widows' fund. Have on the fund Mrs Moorhead. Ordained

Root Presbytery report, that they have entered on first trials Mr James Huey. Have on the fund Mrs Gaston, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Elder, Mrs Davis, Mrs McMullan, Mrs Glasgo, & families of Messrs Henry & Knox.

Monaghan Presbytery report, that they have licensed Messrs Matthew Trimble, Patrick White & James Porter according to Synodical regulations; & that they have on second trials Mr Andrew McAulay, & have examined Mr John Smith previous to going to College. Have on the Fund Mrs Warnock, Mrs Smith, Mrs Montgomery, & Mrs Whiteside.

Tyrone Presbytery report, that they examined previous to going to college John & James Patterson, & Wm Lyle. Have on first trials Messrs Brown, Anderson, Reid & Cunningham. Have ordained Mr Shannon in Minterburn, on the 20th Decr last who is a contributor to the Widows' fund. Have licensed William Fleming, Joseph Johnston, & John & Joseph Howard. Mrs Smith died on the 12th February last. Have on the fund Mrs Stitt, Mrs Adams, Mrs Simson, Mrs Boylan, & families of Messrs Hogg and Kenedy. Ordained Died

Armagh Presbytery report, that they have on first trials Messrs Sam. Sloane, & Geo. Lockhart, & on second trials Mr Paul Boreland. The Rev. Mr Thom died on the 18th July last leaving a widow & family. They installed in the Congregation of Newry Mr Andw George Malcom on the 14th March last. Have on the fund Mrs Sloan, & families of Livingston & Dickson. Not on the fund Mrs Moody. Died Installed

Strabane Presbytery report, that they licensed Mr Saml Armar in August last. Have on the fund Mrs Turbitt & Mrs Hamill.

Derry Presbytery report, that they licensed Messrs Dill & Glendy to preach the Gospel on the 2d August last. They ordained the Rev. Reuben Rogers at Donagh on the 27th September last, who is a con- Ordained

Died

tributor to the Widows' fund. Mr Kyle died in Augt last leaving a family, they have examined Mr David Duncan previous to going to College. Have on the fund Mrs Walker, Mrs Scott, Mrs Patten, & family of Mr Kyle.

Died

Templepatrick Presbytery report, that they have licensed Messrs Montgomery, White & Carley; Have on first trials William Finlay. That the Rev. William Montgomery died in May last leaving a Widow and family. Have on the fund Mrs Dunbar, Mrs White, Mrs Gibson, Mrs Montgomery, & family of Mr Lewson.

Dromore Presbytery report, that they have licensed Messrs Samuel Livingston & George McClelland, who subscribed the Westminster confession of faith; and examined Mr Hanna previous to going to college a second time. The Presbytery, at their last stated meeting on the 25th April, dissolved the connection between Mr John Hoey & the united congregation of Creggan & Newtownhamilton, from which sentence Mr Hoey appealed to the Gen. Synod. Have on the fund Mrs Strong, Mrs Thomson, Mrs Magee, Mrs Hay, & the family of Mr Smith.

Connection dissolved

Died

Belfast Presbytery report, that the Rev. Saml Patten died on the 20th February last leaving a family. That they have on first trials Mr John Walker. That they examined previous to going to college the first time Messrs John Bailie & Henry Coulter. That according [to] Synodical rule they examined & received specimens from Messrs Samuel Simpson, Wm Skelly, & Wm McCullogh after their return from college. That they have on the fund Mrs Kinkead, Mrs McEwen, Mrs Rowan, Mrs Kelburn, Mrs Malcom, Mrs Henry, & the family of Mr Patten.

Ordained

Bangor Presbytery report, that they ordained the Rev. Hugh Woods in the congregation of Bangor on the 15th of November last, who is a contributor to the widows' fund. That the Rev. Andrew George Malcom resigned the charge of the congregation of Dunmurry on the 11th December last. That they examined Mr Wm Sinclair & Mr James Craig previous to their going to college, & Mr William Campbell after his return. Have on the fund Mrs Jackson, Mrs Hull now in America, Mrs Patterson, Mrs Porter, & Mrs Cochran.

Resigned

Dublin Presbytery report, that, agreeably to the recommendation of the Synod of last meeting, they received the Rev. John Boyle under their care as a probationer, on the 29th July last, & that he resigned, by letter, all further connection with the Synod on the 18th March, which resignation the Presbytery accepted. Have on the fund Mrs Rogers, Mrs Cochran, & Mrs Wilson.

Antrim Presbytery report, that they have on the fund Mrs Vance, Mrs Cromie, Mrs Sinclair, & Mrs Nevin.

On reading the return of the Presbytery of Tyrone, it was moved & agreed to that the license of Mr Joseph Johnston be withdrawn & the Presbytery censured for having granted said license in violation of the rule of Synod. The Presbytery of Tyrone was censured accordingly by the Moderator, & Mr Johnston's license declared to be withdrawn: but as the violation of the rule of Synod appears to have been unin-

tentional on the part of the Presbytery, they are empowered to restore Mr Johnston's license when they see proper.

General Synod's fixed Committee for the year 1809.

Presbs.		Minrs.
Ballimena,	Messrs	H. Henry & Hall
L.Kenny,	,,	Ramsay & Nelson
Clogher,	,,	Millar & Stevenson
Root,	,,	F. Dill & Sol. Brown
Monaghan,	,,	Morell & Johnston
Tyrone,	,,	Dr Dickson & Moore
Armagh,	,,	Shaw & Malcom
Strabane,	,,	Anderson & Hemphill
Derry,	,,	Mitchel & Hay
T.Patrick,	,,	Thomson & Campbell
Dromore,	,,	Barber & Thomson
Belfast,	,,	Greer & Gray
Bangor,	,,	Craig & Mulligan
Dublin,	,,	Dr McDowell & Horner

These with an elder from each Presbytery, & our Moderator & Clerk are to meet at Cookstown when called by the Moderator on any emergency: fifteen to be a quorum, of whom twelve at least are to be Ministers.

Adjourned. Committees to meet immediately. Open Synod at ½-past 2 o'clock.

Third Session. Wednesday, half-past two o'clock, P.M.

It was moved that Cookstown be the place of the Synod's meeting next year. Lurgan was also put in nomination. The Roll was called & Cookstown carried. The meeting to take place on the last Tuesday in June next. Divine Service to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon. Synod to meet at Cookstown

The Presbytery of Dublin according to the Synod's order of last year, produced an address to the people under the pastoral care of the Synod, which was read, considered, & consigned to the Presbytery of Dublin to revise and abridge & publish & distribute in the usual manner to our respective congregations.

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

Fourth Session. Thursday morning 7 o'clock.

After prayer, Mr Hanna on behalf of the committee appointed by the Synod to conduct the business of supplying the poor in our respective congregations with Bibles made their report which was ordered to be inserted in the minutes, & is as follows :—

Bible committee's report

"Sensible of the importance & utllity of the measure you committed to our care, your committee have been employed since your last meeting in endeavouring to carry it into effect. We have now to communicate our report, which will be as gratifying to this body, as it has been pleasing to us—That our success has exceeded our expectations. The recommendation of Synod has received the zealous support of many Ministers. In various congregations the sums collected have been very considerable, & under your sanction the way is now opened for a wide dissemination of the Word of life among the people under our charge & in our respective neighbourhoods.

Since the commencement of this business in September 1807, your committee have received the following remittances in gold :—

Third Congn Belfast	£58	12	11
Monaghan Presb.	50	0	0
Mr Reid Rathmelton	13	6	2
Mr Hogg	11	14	0
Dublin Presb.	44	11	6½
Dr Black for self	1	2	0
Mr Thomson Carnmoney	29	4	7½
Mr Ledlie Donegore	15	18	6
T.Patrick Presb.	18	13	9
Mr Simson St.field	7	7	10½
Mr Acheson Belfast	11	7	6
Mr Henry Connor	9	4	7
Mr Bankhead .. .	4	14	4
Mr Harrison Holywood	5	0	0
Mr Dugall, Maherafelt	6	0	0
Dr Neilson Dundalk	25	7	0
Mr Patten Moneyrea	18	19	2½
Mr Riddel Drumbo	45	3	6
Mr Greer Dunbo	42	12	5
Mr Whiteside Colerain	11	7	6
Mr Simms Ballycastle	4	11	0
Mr Fullarton Aghadoe	3	3	6½

Mr Brown Garvagh	£3	1	0½
Mr Blair N.T.Lemavady	6	18	3
Mr Kenedy Maghera .. .	19	0	11
Mr Millar Clogher	16	6	8
Mr McCullogh N.T.Ards ..	82	4	4
Mr Hill Ballynure	3	5	3½
Mr Finlay Donoughmore ..	9	8	6
Mr Montgomery Ballyeaston ..	10	4	10½
Mr McCance Comber	25	12	0
Mr Hanna Belfast	76	18	0
Mr Reid Vinecash	4	3	1½
Mr Gowdy Ballywalter	26	9	9½
Mr Osborne N.T.Ards	21	12	8½
Mr Acheson Belfast	7	14	4
Mr Savage Carrickfergus	26	16	8
Mr Henry Connor	33	4	5½
Mr Sinclair Ballyhalbert . ..	18	8	8
Mr Hamilton Ballymena.. ..	25	19	8½
Mr McKay Bray	3	0	0
Mr Reid Rathmelton	7	15	3
Mr Rentoul Ballykelly	87	2	6
Mr Simpson Saintfield	25	18	8
Mr Thomson Carnmoney	2	6	10
Mr Dill Ardmore	33	9	10
Mr S. Dill Castlefin	30	16	0
Mr Morell Ballybay	48	17	6
Mr Anderson Drumquin	7	10	2½
	£1102	8	3

We would now turn your attention to this fact that in many places where it might be presumed copies of the Scriptures most abounded, the collections have been the largest, & from places where our books were received we have had renewed demands and repeated remittances.

We have again to acknowledge our obligations to the incorporated society in Dublin for promoting the knowledge & practice of Christianity. We have received from them during the last year, one thousand Testaments at their reduced prices.

"We have to regret that there are still many members of this body, who have not found it convenient to attend to your recommendation. We hope Ministers will urge their people to avail themselves of the present opportunity of procuring copies of the Scriptures, at such reduced prices, which we cannot but consider as a blessing to the poor, & an accommodation to the publick.

"The remittances your committee have received since the commencement of this business, now amount to £1102 : 8 : 3 and altho' we have at present in hand £203 : 7 : 5½ for which we have not yet been able to return books, we have distributed 600 family Bibles in

quarto, 130 Octavo Bibles, 1222 Bibles in 12mo, 1424 in 24to, 2674 Testaments, and 100 Psalm Books. These remittances have been received from 38 Ministers only, & to their congregations 6149 Books have been distributed.

"From this unexpected success, your committee have no doubt you will be induced to continue your encouragement to a measure so powerfully calculated to promote the civilization of our country, the increase of religious knowledge, & the salvation of immortal souls."

Thanks to the Bible Committee

Resolved unanimously, that the warmest thanks be returned to the committee, particularly to Mr Hanna & Mr Munfoad for their unwearied & highly useful exertions in this business, & that they be requested to continue their services.

Dr McDowel's report

Dr McDowel informed the Synod, that the British & foreign Bible Society in London have generously voted £100 to this body, to assist in purchasing & dispensing the holy Scriptures in this country.

Thanks to the British & foreign Bible Society

Resolved, that the thanks of this Synod be returned by Dr McDowel to the Society for their liberal donation, & that they be furnished with an account of the increasing demand for the Scriptures in this part of the united kingdom, & the progress which the Synod's Bible Society has made in furnishing the people, under the care of the Synod, with copies of the holy Scriptures.

Ordered that the above donation of £100. remain in the hands of the committee, as a a fund for forwarding the object of this institution.

The Synod renews its recommedation, that the subscriptions for purchasing the holy Scriptures be forwarded to the Rev. Mr Hanna before the 1st of Octr next.

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

Fifth Session. Thursday 10 *o'clock, A.M.*

Mr Horner in pursuance of his notice of last year, moved, that a committee be appointed to draw up a code of laws for the future government of this Church. This motion agreed to, & the several presbyteries are ordered to return each a Minister & Elder to the next Sederunt to constitute said committee.

OVERTURE.

Overtured & agreed to, that each Presbytery do report, annually, to this Synod, the attendance of its members at its different meetings during the year.

BILLS.

[I.] A Meml from the Session & congregation of Castleblaney was presented to the Synod, praying that it may sanction the proceedings of the Presbytery of Monaghan in acquitting the Rev. Mr McAulay, a probationer under the care of that Presbytery, from charges

of an immoral nature which have been brought against him, & to have the ordination of Mr McAulay in the Congregation of Castleblayney, to which he had been previously called, appointed as soon as to their wisdom may seem meet.

Appeal

A Memorial was also presented from five members of the Presbytery of Monaghan alledging that the charges against Mr McAulay were well founded, protesting against the decision of the Presbytery, & praying that the minutes of the evidence which governed the proceedings of the Presbytery on that occasion, & the reasons of Protest may be considered, & to decide on this affair as to their wisdom may seem right.

Sustained

The members of the Presbytery of Monaghan on the trial of Mr McAulay, & the reasons of the Protest of the appellants being read, & the Presbytery and appellants being heard at great length, It was unanimously agreed to, that the appeal & protest of the majority [minority] of the Presbytery of Monaghan be sustained.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 7 o'clock.

Sixth Session. Friday morning, 7 o'clock.

After prayer, the several Presbyteries made their returns for the committee to draw up a code for the government of this Church, which are as follows :—

Ballymena,	Mr Tho. Henry	Strabane,	Mr Dunlop
L.Kenny,	Mr Ramsay	Derry,	Mr Mitchel
Clogher,	Mr Johnston	T.Patrick,	Mr N. Alexander
Root,	Mr Jas. Elder	Dromore,	Mr Thomson
Monaghan,	Mr Denham	Belfast,	Mr Hanna
Tyrone,	Dr Dickson	Bangor,	Mr Craig
Armagh,	Mr Cuming	Dublin,	Dr McDowel

The Committee will hold its first meeting in Belfast on the last Tuesday in March next.

It is understood that the Presbyteries shall at a future meeting, appoint the Elders who are to accompany the Ministers.

Presb. censured

It was moved & seconded that those members of the Presbytery of Monaghan, who composed the majority at the meeting, which acquitted Mr McAulay, be reprehended. The Roll was called, & the motion agreed to. The members were reprehended by the Moderator accordingly.

Adjourned with prayer.

The several Committees are ordered to meet to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

3d Session Thursday Morning 10 o'clock, after Prayer.

The adjourned motion respecting Elders carried in the affirmative

The amended motion referred to the consideration of this forenoon, viz. "That Elders may sit, speak, & vote on all Questions, those relating to the widows fund excepted," having undergone a long Discussion, it was at last moved, that the previous Question be put upon the motion. The Roll being called, the previous Question was negatived. The Roll was then called upon the amended motion, which was carried in the Affirmative.

Protest against the above Decision

Against this Decision the following members protested promising to give their Reasons in due time, viz. John Thomson, Thos Cuming, Sinclare Kelburn, Thos McKay, & others.

Keady

A supplication was presented from that part of the Congon of Keady heretofore known under the Denomination of the minority, praying to be erected into a separate Congon. After considerable Deliberation, it was moved, & unaminously agreed to, that inasmuch, as a standing law of the Synod prohibits any Congon to be erected at the meeting at which it is first proposed, the Presb. of Tyrone be ordered to grant them supplies as they may see fit, till next meeting of Synod.

Maghera

A supplication was presented from a part of the Congon of Maghera, praying that the Synod would either put a stop to the ordination of the Revd Chas Kennedy in that Congon or should this supplication not be complied with, to erect supplicants into a separate Congregation.

It was moved & unanimously agreed to, that the whole of this Business be dismissed.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

4th Session Friday Morning 7 o'clock, after Prayer.

Annual Address to the People under our Pastoral Care

It was moved and unanimously agreed to, that a Comtee be annually appointed to draw up an Address to the People under our Pastoral Care recommending & enforcing the Practice, of Piety & Morality; and that Messrs Birch, Millar, Denham, Dr Little, & Thos Henry, be the Comtee appointed for this year.

The protesting Brethren now gave in their Reasons of Protest which were read & are as follow:—

We protest against the Admission of Elders to vote on this Question Because we deem it Incompatible with every Idea of Propriety, that

men should be Judges in their own cause, & assume a Privilege, which they have never enjoyed; Such Procedure is contrary to the practice of every publick Body; whether Ecclesiastical or Civil; A dangerous Innovation Inconsistent with the Government of our Church; & tending to establish a precedent, which may be most destructive in its Consequences.

Reasons of Protest against the Decision respecting Elders voting in affairs of the R.D.

We Protest against the Decision of the Question which has now taken place.

1. Because the ministers of this Synod & of the Presbytery of Antrim have no absolute Right in themselves, but enjoy the Privilege of directing the Application of the Royal Bounty, from the Courtesy & Indulgence of Government only, and therefore cannot, without the greatest impropriety permit the Interference of another class of men, who were never intended by the Donors to have any voice or Authority in its management, and Application.

2 Because the ministers of the Gen. Synod & Presb. of Antrim are competent to manage their pecuniary concerns, in which Elders have never hitherto shewn any Desire to Intermeddle; & which we are perswaded, the greater part of them, have no inclination to engage in, and which may be abused to the purposes of a party spirit, to serve the Interests of Individuals, Inconsistent with the General Interest.

3. Because we deem it Inconsistent with the office of Elders who attend our Judicatories as church officers, to regulate, whatever relates to the Discipline, worship, & Government of the Christian Church, but not to assume, a power over the Property of others, whether ministers or Laymen.

4. Because the Introduction of such a measure at the present Juncture creating an unnecessary change in the Constitution of this Assembly, is pecularly unwise, and may materially affect the Interest, Prosperity & Tranquillity of the Presbyterian Body.

5. Because the measure so far as it proposes to separate the management of his Majesty's Bounty, & of the widows fund is Impracticable; And if Elders interfere in the Application of the former, out of which the subscriptions of ministers to the latter are defrayed, the support of the fund, must depend upon the controul of men, who are acknowledged on all sides to have no concern in its Interests; and the Institution must be exposed to the hazard of being injured; or it may be, in time wrested from its original Purpose.

6. Because the Question has, in our Opinion, been urged with unbecoming haste, in opposition to our earnest Desire, that it might be deferred until next meeting of Synod, when the several Cong^ons^ in its Bounds, as well as the ministers now absent, & who never thought of the present Discussion would have an opportunity of expressing their sentiments on a Subject Novel in its nature & introduced without that previous & timely notice which its magnitude demanded. Signed John Thomson, Robert Black, And^w^ Craig, Hugh Brooke, Joseph Denham, Thos M^c^Kay, David Taggart, Thos Cuming, Matt. Trimble,

A statement of the receipts & payments of his Majesty's bounty, ending the 29th of September last, was submitted to the Interlocutor by Dr Black & found correct & satisfactory.

The Accounts of the Agent for the Widows' fund were examined and found correct.

Dr Black informed the Interlocutor, that he had lent out the balance in his hands to the corporation of Derry, according to the order of last year.

Dr Black's report

On reading the minute of last year relative to an Act of Parliament for securing the Capital of the Widows' fund, Dr Black reported, 'that in executing the trust reposed in him, he felt it his duty to consult in the first instance, the long tried & powerful friend of the Presbyterian Ministers of Ulster, Lord Viscount Castlereagh, & found as he expected, his Lordship's dispositions to promote their interests in no degree abated. Other members of his Majesty's government were afterwards consulted, & in every quarter a ready acquiescence was expressed. That with his encouragement he prepared a bill which he considered as effectual to the proposed object, & which had the further recommendation that its enactments extended to every similar institution in the kingdom, and being put in the form of a publick bill, was unattended with expense. That he committed this bill to the Right honourable Sir George Fitzgerald Hill, member for Derry, & one of the Lords of his Majesty's treasury in Ireland, who in the most obliging manner introduced it in the House of Commons, & bespoke protection for it in its progress through the Lords'. That it passed both houses without opposition, & having received the Royal Assent is now the law of the land.'

Dr Black then read the Act, & delivered the same at the table to be *in retentis*.

Thanks to Lord Castlereagh & Sir Geo. Hill

Moved & unanimously agreed to that this Interlocutor have a grateful sense of the kindness of his Majesty's government on this occasion, & that Dr Black be instructed to return the warmest thanks of this meeting to Lord Castlereagh, & Sir, Geo. Fitzgerald Hill, for their honourable and effectual support to a measure so long desired by the contributors to the Widows' fund & now so happily accomplished.

Dr Black having submitted an abstract of the laws & regulations now in force for the government of the Widows' fund, & the same being read & approved of, it was ordered to be signed by the Moderator, & presented by Dr Black to the Assistant Barrister & Justices at the next ensuing Quarter Sessions for the City & County of Londonderry, to be registered pursuant to the fore-mentioned Act of Parliment, & that a Copy of the same be transcribed into the minutes of this Interlocutor as follows :—

Regulations of the Widows' fund

I. Each Minister who shall become a Contributor to said fund shall pay to the treasurer appointed for the management thereof, the full amount of his first years Royal bounty as the same now stands, or hereafter may stand, so soon as he shall receive the same, as his

contribution for the first year, and an annual subscription of forty shillings for every year afterwards.

II. From the 29th day of September next ensuing, until the 29th day of September which shall be in the year 1810 both inclusive, each Minister of a Congregation in the first class, shall pay an additional subscription of three pounds; each Minister of a Congregation in the second class, an additional subscription of two pounds five shillings; & each Minister of a Congregation in the third class an additional subscription of thirty shillings per Annum. This regulation not to extend to such Ministers as have resigned from age or bodily infirmity, or to such Ministers in the third Class, as are not yet in receipt of the intire bounty.

III. Such Ministers as have become partially entitled to the receipt of the Royal Bounty, by the arrangement made with his Majesty's Government, in the year 1803, & are contributors to said fund, shall upon, the decease of their respective predecessors, who are now in receipt of a share of the Royal Bounty allotted to the Ministers of the Congregations in which they had respectively officiated, pay to the Treasurer of said fund, the difference between the portion of the first year's bounty they have received, & the net sum allotted to the Congregations of which they are respectively the Ministers.

IV. Any minister who shall be removed from a Congregation in a lower to one in a higher class, shall for the first year after such removal, pay to the treasurer of said fund the difference between the royal bounty allotted to the Congregation to which he shall be removed & the one in which he had latterly been placed.

V. Such Assistant Ministers, not in the receipt of the Royal Bounty, as now are, or may become contributors to said fund, shall pay to the treasurer thereof an annual subscription of two pounds, each, until such time as their title to the Royal Bounty shall commence, & if any of such assistant Ministers shall die before he become entitled to the receipt of one years bounty, a sum equal thereto shall be deducted from the first payment to which his Widow, or family (if he should leave such) shall become entitled.

VI. Such contributors to said fund as have not pastoral charges in the bounds of the Synod, or Presbytery of Antrim, who are not in the receipt of the Royal bounty shall pay during the afore-mentioned period, an additional subscription of three pounds per Annum.

VII. Every contributor to said fund who shall contract a second marriage, shall pay to the treasurer thereof a premium equal to one year's Annuity from the same, at the time such marriage shall take place; on a third marriage a premium equal to two years' annuity, & so on in proportion, for every succeeding marriage he shall contract.

VIII. The Subscription of Ministers who shall become contributors to said fund, shall commence the quarter day next following their ordination or installment, and cease the quarter day next following their decease.

IX. If any contributor to said fund shall die before ten years shall have elapsed from the commencement of his subscription to the same, the sum of forty shillings annually shall be deducted after his first years subscription shall have been paid, from the annuity payable to his widow, or family, as the case may be, until such deduction added to the several sums before by him paid, shall amount to the subscriptions of ten full years.

X. Any Minister a contributor to said fund, who shall receive a call to become a pastor of a Congregation in the bounds of the Southern Association of Presbyterian Ministers, shall have the privilege of continuing his subscriptions to the same, if he shall be so disposed.

XI. Any Minister a contributor to said fund who shall resign his pastoral charge, in order to engage in a secular profession, or employment, shall not be permitted to continue a contributor thereto, or his widow or family derive any benefit or annuity therefrom, inasmuch as the institution in its original establishment, in the publick collections and private donations & bequests made in aid of its fund, as well as in the late royal appropriation of the surplus of his Majesty's bounty, was intended for the exclusive advantage of Ministers as such, & not for those who should voluntarily lay down the Ministerial character. This regulation not to extend to the present ex-contributors, Dr Stephenson & Mr Gamble, provided their subscriptions be paid to the treasurer on the 29th day of September in every year.

XII. Any minister a contributor to the said fund, who shall leave the kingdom to reside abroad, shall no longer be considered as connected therewith.

XIII. If a contributor to said fund shall die leaving a family & no widow, such family shall receive an annuity therefrom, for a period of eight years next ensuing after their father's death.

XIV. If a widow, an annuitant on said fund shall die before she shall receive an annuity therefrom for the full term of eight years, leaving a child or children by her husband who was a contributor thereto, said child or children shall continue to receive such annuity, until the term of eight years from the death of their father shall be completed.

XV. If a widow or annuitant on said fund, shall marry a second husband, having a child or children by a former husband who was a contributor thereto, such widow shall receive but one moiety of the annuity arising therefrom, the remaining moiety shall be paid to the said child or children ; but if said child or children shall die the whole shall revert to the mother during her life.

XVI. Every contributor to said fund shall have the power to order the distribution of the annuity arising therefrom to his family in the event or his not leaving a widow in such proportions as he, by his last will shall direct.

XVII. Such widows & families as now are annuitants on said fund or as shall become annuitants thereon, between this date, & the

first day of October which shall be in the year 1810 inclusive, shall receive an annuity therefrom, at the rate of twenty-five pounds per Annum.

XVIII. From the first day of October which shall be in the year 1810 inclusive, the Annuitants on said fund whether widows, or families, shall receive in equal shares, the largest dividend of its annual produce, from whatever source arising, which a just regard to the stability of the institution shall warrant the contributors, for the time being, to direct.

XIX. The annuities shall be remitted to the persons respectively entitled to the same in the month of October in each year, until otherwise ordered by the contributors, by the treasurer of said fund, on his receiving a certificate from each widow, signed by a contributor thereto, stating that said widow was living the first of said month, or if dead, the date of her decease, & naming the person or persons entitled to receive the annuity, or share of annuity which may be then due.

XX. The annuities of widows shall commence the quarter day which shall next follow the decease of their husband, & cease the quarter day next following their own. The quarter days are the first of January, April, July & October in each year.

XXI. The foregoing are to be considered as fundamental rules, orders, and regulations, of said Society, not to be altered or repealed without one year's notice of such intended alteration or repeal given to the contributors at their annual meeting during the sitting of the General Synod of Ulster, or at some subsequent meeting of the contributors to be then appointed for the purpose of taking such proposed alteration or repeal into consideration & to determine thereon.

XXII. All questions respecting the amounts of annuities payable from the said fund, & the time or times of the payment thereof; or the lending any part of the capital stock of said fund, or the changing or transferring of the securities of the same; or the appointment or removal of a treasurer or treasurers, trustee or trustees; shall be determined by a majority of the contributors at their several annual meetings or at any adjournment thereof, or by a committee of the same to be hereafter annually appointed to be assembled by the Moderator of the General Synod on any emergency which may arise, affecting the interests, security, or management of said fund.

XXIII. William Colvill, Esq., The Rev. Benjamin McDowel, D.D., The Rev. James Horner, John Orr & Bartholomew Matiere, Merchants, all of the City of Dublin are appointed Trustees of said fund.

XXIV. The Rev. Robert Black, D.D., of the City of Londonderry, who for twenty years past has acted as Agent for said fund, is hereby continued in the management thereof as treasurer, under the security formerly perfected by him to the trustees thereof, with a salary of forty pounds per annum, for his trouble in executing the duties of said office.

Resolved that the members of the General Synod's fixed committee do form the committee for the management of the affairs of the Widows' fund, on any emergency that may arise.

Thanks Dr Black

Moved & unanimously agreed to, that the thanks of this Interlocutor be given to Dr Black for his care & attention to the interests of our funds, & particularly for having obtained from parliament an Act to secure the monies subscribed for the benefit of our Widows & families.

Resolved that the thanks of this Interlocutor be returned by Dr Black to the Executors of the late Andrew Caldwell, Esq., for their payment of one hundred guineas being a bequest by Mr Caldwell to the Widows' fund.

Moved by Mr Horner, pursuant to his notice of last year that each Minister of this Synod who does not answer to his name on the first, & last call of the roll at its annual meeting, shall pay for every such offence the sum of forty shillings, except such Ministers as have through age or infirmity taken an assistant, or such Ministers as are not in the receipt of his Majesty's bounty: That said penalty be levied by each Presbytery yearly off such of their members as by non-attendance on this Synod, have incurred it, & transmitted to Dr Black, our Agent, who is requested to form a fund by such fines for defraying the contingent expenses of this Synod, & that this regulation be enforced by each presbytery this year.

This motion was agreed to, & our Clerk is ordered to send with the Synod's minutes, each year, a certified list of the Ministers who shall answer to their names on the first & last call of the Roll.

Ordered that our Agent do lend out the balance in his hands, on such securities as he may deem sufficient.

THO. CUMING, Clerk of Gen. Synod.

Inserted Jan. 4th 1810.

A General Synod at Cookstown, June 26th, 1810.

The Rev. Samuel Hanna, the Moderator, opened this Synod by preaching from 2 Cor. vi., 4, then constituted it by prayer, after which were present from the several presbyteries the following members, viz., from :—

Minrs.	Elders.
Letterkenny Presbytery.	
Hen. Millar	
John Holmes	
Joseph Lytle	
Sam. Cuthbertson	
Edward Reid	
James Marshal	
John Gillespie	
Clogher Presbytery.	
Andrew Millar	
James Ker	
William Johnston	
James Hall	
Booth Caldwell	
Ephraim Stevenson	
John Samson	
Root Presbytery.	
James Elder	
Alexr. Martin	
James Brown	
Daniel McKee	
Charles Kenedy	David Thomson
Samuel Dill	Wm. Reid
James Boyle	
Tho. Greer	John Leslie
John Whiteside	
Solomon Brown	Tho. Lockhart
John Sims	
James Dunlop	
Monaghan Presbytery.	
John Davis	
John McCurdie	
Joseph Denham	
James Walker	
James Gowdy	
Henry McIlree	
James Wilson	
Archibald Meharg	

Minrs.	Elders.
Tyrone Presbytery.	
Dr. Dickson	
James Whiteside	
Wm. Moore	John Ritchie
Geo. Dougal	Robert Duncan
Tho. Makay	Hugh Wier
John Davidson	John Young
Wm. Reid	
Robert Stewart	
John Cowan	Tho. Bell
Moses Chambers	John Boyd
Robert Hogg	
David Bennet	
Andrew Shannon	
Armagh Presbytery.	
Dr. Neilson	
Tho. Cuming	Sam. Sloane
Nathl. Shaw	
James Bankhead	
Saml. Arnold	
A. G. Malcom	
Robert Adams	Robt. Boyd
Paul Borland	
Wm. Maclaine	
Arthur Neilson	
Strabane Presbytery.	
Willm. Dunlop	
Tho. Anderson	
Chas. Hemphill	Alexr. Irwin
Wm. Porter	
David Guilkie	John Little
Wm. McCrea	
John McFarlane	
Derry Presbytery.	
Dr. Black	
Francis Gray	
Hen. Elder	Wm. Cuthbertson

Minrs.	Elders.
Derry Presbytery—continued.	
Richd. Dill	
James Canning	
Wm. Montieth	
John Mitchel	
Geo. Hay	
Templepatrick Presbytery.	
Robert Orr	
Robert Thomson	
Tho. Alexander	
Robert Campbell	
Nathl. Alexander	Geo. Foresythe
Dromore Presbytery.	
John Thomson	John Brice
John McClelland	
John McCance	
Hamilton Dobbin	
Wm. Wright	Sam. Waterworth
Hugh McAlister	
Moses Finlay	
Wm. McGowan	James Turretine
James Black	
Belfast Presbytery.	
Andrew Greer	
Saml. Hanna	James Munfoad
Saml. Watson	
Henry Simson	
James McCullogh	
Fletcher Bleakly	

Minrs.	Elders.
Bangor Presbytery.	
James Sinclair	
Josiah Ker	
John Arnold	
John Watson	
John Mulligan	
Andrew Gowdy	
Hugh Woods	
Hen. Montgomery	
Dublin Presbytery.	
James Horner	
Andw. McCaldin	
William McEwen	
Ballymena Presbytery.	
Alexr. Spear	John Davidson
Tho. Henry	Alexr. Kilpatrick
Hen. Henry	Sam. Carson
Benjn. Mitchel	Wm. Knox
John Smyth	
John Hall	
Henry Cook	
Robert Stewart	
Richard Dill	
Elders from vacant Congns.	
Ahoghill	Hen. Boyd
Ballee	Alan Martin

Mr Hanna having moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, the following brethren were named, viz., Messrs Reid, Caldwell, James Elder, James Gowdy, Makay, Jas. Bankhead, Dunlop, Hay, Robert Thomson, McCance, McCullogh, Sinclair, McCaldin, & Smyth. The Roll was called, & Mr Dunlop chosen.

Mr Dickson continued Clerk.

The several presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, & to prepare lists to be given to the Clerk to-morrow morning, of their members for the several committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, & General Synod's fixed committee. An account of such Ministers as have died, been ordained, or installed; of such candidates as have been licensed, or entered on trials, since last General Synod; & of such students as have been examined previous to their going to college by their respective presbyteries:—An account of Annuitants on the fund; of any that have died; of the time when such did die:—also of such women, in their bounds, as have been wives of Ministers, & are not on the fund.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Second Session. Wednesday Morning 10 *o'clock.*

After prayer, returns were made by the several presbyteries of their members for the several committees, also the following reports :—

Letterkenny Presbytery report, that they examined the following young men before & after their return from College, viz., Messrs William Ray, John Ray, John McElheney, & John Rogers. Have on the fund Mrs Delap, Burke, & the families of Messrs Alexander & Love.

Clogher Presbytery report, that they have on first trials Mr Henry Carson : on the fund Mrs Moorhead.

Root Presbytery report, that they ordained Mr James Dunlop on the second Tuesday of December last as assistant & successor to the Rev. John Logan, in the Congregation of Ballyrashane, he subscribed the Westminster confession of faith & is a contributor to the Widows' fund. Have on first trials Messrs Huey & Elder. Examined Henry Haslet, John Blair, Samuel Templeton, William Johnston, & James Keith, previous to going to college for the first time ; & on their return Henry Haslet, James Kieth, Wm Johnston, John Brown, Robert Anderson, Benjamin Jameson, Saml Hill, W^{m} McClenaghan, Jackson Graham, Henry Graham, & John Greer. Have on the fund, Mrs Gaston, Smylie, Hamilton, Elder, Davis, McMullan, Glasgo, & family of Mr Henry.

Monaghan Presbytery report, that Mr Kelso died on the 23^{d} March last, & left neither widow or family : have licensed Mr Lester to preach the Gospel, & have examined Mr Wm Waughope on his return from College his fourth season. Have on the fund Mrs Warnock, Smyth, Montgomery & Whiteside.

Tyrone Presbytery report, that since the last meeting of Synod they have admitted on first trials Messrs Elder, Stone, Winning, White, Allen, Harkness, Wilson, & Ferguson. Have examined previous to their going to College Messrs Gray, Gibson, Collins & Lyle ; have on the fund Mrs Stitt, Adams, Simpson, Boylan, & families of Hogg & Kenedy. They report farther that Mr Alexander Henry of Ballysuddan, a student within their bounds, was on account of immoral conduct, declared to be an improper person to be a Candidate for the Christian ministry.

Armagh Presbytery report, that Mr Thom died on the 18th July 1808, leaving a Widow & family : that they examined previous to going to college Messrs Murray & Jenkins ; have on first trials Messrs Edward Prenter & Wm Heron ; that they licensed on the 11th April last Samuel Sloane & George Lockhart to preach the Gospel : and that they ordained the Rev. Paul Boreland in the Congregation of Markethill, on the 26th Septr last, the Rev. Wm Maclaine in the united Cong^{n} of Creggan & Newtownhamilton, on the 20th of December last, & the Rev. Arthur Neilson at Kilmore, on the 13th Inst, as assistant &

successor to his father the Rev. Dr Neilson: They are all subscribers to the Widows' fund. Mrs Sloane died on the 26th Augt 1809. They have on the fund the family of Mr Dickson & Mrs Thom. Not on the fund Mrs Moody.

Strabane Presbytery report, that they examined Mr Moore previous to his going to College the first time. Have on the fund Mrs Turbitt & Hamill.

Derry Presbytery report, that Mr Law died in January last, leaving a Widow. That they have on the fund, Mrs Walker, Scott, Patten, Law, and family of Mr Kyle.

Templepatrick Presbytery report, that they examined William Baird, previous to his going to College & on his return. That they licensed William Finlay, agreeably to Synodical regulations on the 25th December last. Have on the fund Mrs Dunbar, White, Gibson, Montgomery & family of Mr Lewson.

Dromore Presbytery report, that they have entered upon first trials Mr James Turretine: Have on the fund Mrs Strong, Magee, Hay, and Thomson with her daughter.

Belfast Presbytery report, that they ordained the Rev. Fletcher Bleakley in the Congregation of Moneyrea, on the 19th Sep. last, who subscribed the confession of faith, & is a contributor to the Widows' fund. That they licensed Mr John Walker on the 7th November last, and ordained him in the Congregation of Millisle on the 13th of April last, as assistant & successor to the Rev. Andrew Greer; that he subscribed the Confession of faith, & is a contributor to the Widows' fund. That according to Synodical regulations Messrs Simpson, Skelly, & McCullogh were examined, & gave in the necessary Specimens during the last summer after their second Session at College. That Messrs Coulter & Bailie were examined & gave in Specimens during the same time, after their first session at College; that they examined Mr William Harrison previous to his going to College for the first time. Mrs Kinkead died on the 24th March last. They have on the fund Mrs Kenedy, McEwen, Rowan, Kelburn, Malcom, Henry & family of Mr Patten.

Bangor Presbytery report, that they ordained the Rev. Henry Montgomery in the Congregation of Dunmurry on the 14th September last, who is a contributor to the Widows' fund. That the Rev. Josiah Ker resigned the Congregation of Ballee on the 26th August last; and that on account of immoral conduct they suspended him for six months from the ministerial office, when the suspension was removed. Have examined Mr William Campbell on his return from College the third time. Have on the fund Mrs Jackson, Hull now in America, Patterson, Porter, & Cochran. That in May last Mr Caldwell, from age & infirmity requested the Presbytery to supply his Congregation, & that they be permitted to choose an assistant & successor to him, which was granted. Examined Henry Andrew, & James Purse, previous to going to College for the first time.

Dublin Presbytery report, that they have on the fund, Mrs Rogers & Wilson.

Ballimena Presbytery report, that they have ordained Mr Richard Dill in the Congregation of Buckna, as assistant & Successor to the Rev. David Park, on the 13th of February last who is a contributor to the Widows' fund. They have examined Mr Matthew Adams previous to his going to College for the first time, & after his return, & Mr John Wallace after returning from College for the second time. The Rev. Joseph Howard died the second of May last leaving a widow. Have on the fund Mrs Lindsay, Cuming, & the family of Mr Douglas.

Antrim Presbytery report, that they have on the fund Mrs Vance, Cromie, Sinclair, & Nevin.

General Synod's fixed Committee for the year 1810.

Presbs.		Minrs.
Letterkenny,	Messrs	Cuthbertson & Lytle
Clogher,	,,	Samson & Johnson
Root,	,,	Jas. Brown & Kenedy
Monaghan,	,,	Trimble & Morell
Tyrone,	,.	Bennet & Reid
Armagh,	,,	Adams & Arnold
Strabane,	,,	Anderson & Hemphill
Derry,	,,	Montieth & Hay
T.Patrick,	,,	Thomson & T. Alexander
Dromore,	,,	Thomson & McClelland
Belfast,	,,	Greer & Bleakley
Bangor,	,,	Craig & Acheson
Dublin,	,,	Horner & McCaldin
B.mena,	,,	Cook & Dill

These with an Elder from each Presbytery and our Moderator & Clerk are to meet at Cookstown, when called by the Moderator on any emergency ; fifteen to be a Quorum, of whom twelve, at least, are to be ministers.

Adjourned. Committees to meet immediately. Open Synod at 2 o'clock.

Third Session. Wednesday 2 o'clock, P.M.

The Presbytery of Derry having requested the direction of the Synod whether they shall take Mr Cuthbertson, a student in Divinity who had not studied Hebrew one Session, according to the regulations of Synod, after taking his degree in Arts, on Presbyterial trials: It was moved that it be recommended to the Presbytery of Derry to take Mr Cuthbertson on trials, & to enjoin him forthwith to apply himself to the study of the Hebrew Language, & not to license him to preach the Gospel until he shall have acquired a competent knowledge of that language. To this motion the following amendment was moved, that it be recommended to the Presbytery of Derry to adhere to the rules of Synod. The Roll was called & the amendment negatived. The original motion was then put & carried.

Synod to meet at Cookstown

It was moved that Lurgan be the place of the Synod's meeting next year: Cookstown was also nominated. The Roll was called & Cookstown carried. The meeting to take place on the last Tuesday in June next. Divine Service to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

Report of the bible Committee

Mr Hanna on behalf of the Committee appointed by the Synod to supply the poor in our respective Congregations with Bibles made the following report.

"Since your last meeting your committee have been engaged in carrying into effect your recommendation respecting the dissemination of the holy scriptures among the people under your care. Between the 30th June 1809 & the 23d June 1810, they received the following remittances in Gold, viz., from:—

Mr Jas Brown, Garva, ...	£14	2	10
McCance, Comber, ...	8	5	0
Reid, Vinecash, ...	10	3	6
Brydone, Kircubbin, ..	2	0	11½
Thomson, Carnmoney, ..	9	13	2
Dill, Ardmore, ...	7	3	2
Reid, Rathmelton, ...	0	19	7½
Savage, Carrickfergus, ..	6	6	7½
Mitchel, Ballymoney, ..	72	5	8
S. Dill, Castlefin, ...	29	10	0
Hamilton, B.mena, ...	8	17	7
Rentoul, Ballykelly, ...	6	5	11
Hill, Ballynure, ...	1	0	7
Kelso, Bailieboro', ...	4	10	5
F. Dill, Manorcunningham, ..	8	12	10½
Elder, Finvoy, ...	59	7	2½
Stewart, Broughshane, ..	48	2	2
Brown, Castledawson, ..	6	4	5½
Greer, Dunbo, ...	5	10	11
Gowdy, Glentubbret, ...	2	4	6
Dickson, Keady, ...	7	13	7
Guilkie, Armagh, ...	6	3	0
Mitchel, Dungiven, ...	19	12	0

Spear, Portglenone, ..	.. £16	15	11½
Cook, Denain, ..	.. 13	11	3
	£375	2	11½

Your Committee have forwarded to members of Synod since your last meeting 467, 4to—56, 8vo—203, 12mo—1004, 24mo Bibles, 55 8vo and 1118 12mo Testaments, in all 1730 bibles and 1173 Testaments. They have yet in their hands £85 : 13 : 4½, for which they have not been able to return books.

In February last your Committee received a donation of Bibles & Testaments in sheets, from the british & foreign bible Society in London, to the amount of £100. They were found on inspection to be without Psalms. Your Committee have been taught by experience that in this state they are not so acceptable to the people in the North of Ireland. They therefore ordered Psalms from Edinburgh, for the different kinds of bibles & Testaments which they had received, & now request that this Synod will advise them how to dispose of these books when bound & ready for delivery.

Your committee regret, that in many instances they have been unable to execute the orders they received from ministers with the despatch they would have wished. This arose from circumstances which they could not prevent; & when it did occur, it was as painful to their feelings, as it could be to those who received a disappointment by the delay.

Your Committee issued a circular letter, in April last, to the ministers under the care of this body who had not forwarded remittances, urging them to comply with your recommendation, which will, they hope produce the desired effect."

The Synod received this report with much satisfaction & finding that there is still occasion for a further supply of Bibles to our respective congregations, request the committee to accept our grateful acknowledgements, & to continue its benevolent labours.

With respect to the advice requested in the report, the Synod authorises the committee to dispose of the books received from the british & foreign bible Society in the the way which it may judge best calculated to forward the purposes of this institution.

On reading the Overture of last year respecting the attendance of ministers at their different Presbyteries it was moved & agreed to, that it will be considered as sufficient, if each Presbytery do report the names of such members as generally absent themselves from their meetings, & that their report be dispensed with for this year, but strictly required at each succeeding Synod. Overture explained

Session adjourned with prayer. Open Synod to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

Fourth Session. Thursday morning 7 o'clock.

After prayer, the committee appointed to prepare a code of laws for the future government of this church having made its report, it

was moved that the further consideration of this subject be deferred until next year. To this motion was moved as an amendment that after the word "that," in the original motion, the remainder of the motion be left out, & the following substituted in its place, "that a committee be nominated to proceed in preparing a plan of discipline for the government of this Church" On the call of the Roll this amendment was carried.

Committee to prepare a Code of discipline

It was then moved & agreed to that the Rev. John Thomson, the Rev. James Horner, & the Rev. Sam[l] Hanna, be the committee to prepare a plan for the government of this church, & that they be instructed to confine themselves to matters of discipline alone.

Adjourned till ten o'clock.

Fifth Session. 10 *o'clock, A.M.*

License withdrawn

After prayer, the committee appointed to meet at Loughbrickland, to try the affair respecting the Rev. M[r] M[c]Aulay, reported that they had issued the business for which they were appointed, by withdrawing M[r] M[c]Aulay's license.

Vote of censure rescinded

On reading the minute of last year which censures the Presbytery of Dromore for suspending the Rev. M[r] Hoey, it was moved and carried that the vote of censure be rescinded.

It having appeared that the arrears due to the heirs of the Rev. M[r] Moorhead had not been discharged; it is ordered that said arrear be paid to M[r] Moorhead's heirs on or before the first of August next; & if this be not done, the Presbytery of Clogher is enjoined to deprive the Congregation of Fintona of publick ordinances until the debt be discharged.

M[r] Thomson & M[r] Hanna read their answer to the letter from the Secretary of the Belfast Academical Institution. M[r] H. Henry was instructed to inform the Managers, that the Synod will be happy in taking any plan into their consideration which may be submitted to them, whereby they can promote the interests of the institution.

OVERTURE.

It was overtured & agreed to that in all cases in which any Presbytery may find it necessary to suspend or publickly rebuke any of its members for misconduct such Presbytery shall report the same in its next return to this Synod.

BILLS.

Donegore

A memorial from the majority of the Congregation of Donegore was presented to the Synod, complaining of the proceedings of the Presbytery of Templepatrick in the case of the Rev. M[r] Butler, by refusing to forward his ordination agreeably to the regulations of this

church, appealing from their decision, praying the Synod to have Mr Butler ordained among them with all convenient speed, & requesting to be placed under the care of a committee of the Synod until his ordination shall take place.

A supplication was also presented from a part of the Congregation styling themselves the *Synodical* majority of the congregation of Donegore, praying the Synod to confirm the decision of the Presbytery of Templepatrick respecting Mr Butler, & by no means to suffer him to be ordained in Donegore.

The Presbytery & Commissioners on both sides having been heard at great length, & having withdrawn, it was resolved unanimously that the appeal from the majority of the Congregation of Donegore be sustained. Appeal sustained

It was then moved & unanimously agreed to that the conduct of the Presbytery in this case has been highly irregular, & that they be rebuked from the chair.

The Presbytery of Templepatrick was rebuked by the Moderator accordingly. Presb: rebuked

Resolved that a Committee consisting of the following members, Messrs John Thompson, Hanna, Wright, McCance, & John Arnold, do meet at Donegore on the second Tuesday of August next to poll the Congregation, & if they see cause, to proceed to Mr Butler's ordination at such time as they may see fit. The committee is directed to admit as voters, those members of the congregation, who were qualified to vote on the first poll for Mr Butler. Committee at Donegore

Mr Arnold is appointed to preach at Donegore on Sunday next, read this minute to the Congregation & explain to them the views & wishes of the Synod.

An attested list of the members qualified to vote on the 6th of August last to be lodged with Mr John Thompson, ten days at least before the day of poll.

Mr Butler is appointed constant supplier to the congregation of Donegore, commencing from the second sunday in July, until the meeting of the committee, & to preach for Mr Arnold on Sunday next.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

Sixth Session. Friday Morning 7 o'clock.

After prayer, an appeal from the Session & majority of the Congregation of Ballee against the conduct & decision of the Presbytery of Bangor respecting their minister the Rev. Josiah Ker, & praying for a redress of the grievances which they have so long suffered, was presented to the Synod. Ballee

Mr Ker was heard at considerable length in support of the Allegations in the appeal, when the Synod adjourned till ten o'clock.

Seventh Session. Ten o'clock, A.M.

After prayer, Mr Ker proceeded in his farther support of the appeal of the Session & Congregation of Ballee. The commissioners were also heard on behalf of the appeal.

The Presbytery of Bangor were then heard at great length, in defence of their conduct, when it was moved & agreed to, that the further consideration of this affair be deferred till to-morrow morning at 6 o'clock.

Eighth Session. Saturday morning 6 o'clock.

After prayer, the Presbytery of Bangor concluded their defence. The Presbytery & the commissioners having withdrawn; the Synod after mature & serious deliberation came to the following resolutions.

Resolved unanimously, that the conduct of the Presbytery of Bangor, relative to Mr Ker & the congregation of Ballee, has not in all respects been proper.

Committee at Ballee

Resolved, that Mr Ker be appointed constant supplier to the Congregation of Ballee until the last Tuesday in July next, when a committee consisting of the following members, Mr Thomas Henry, Mr McCance, & Mr R. Thomson shall meet at Ballee to poll that congregation, when if a Synodical majority shall appear in Mr Ker's favor, the committee are directed to reinstate him in the pastoral charge of that Congregation.

Against this last resolution Messrs James Elder, Jas Brown, Richd Dill, Saml Dill, & John Hall protested, & promised to assign their reasons in due time.

Mr James Bankhead is appointed to preach at Ballee on Sunday se'night & read this minute to the Congregation.

Newtownstewart

A memorial from the Congregation of Newtownstewart was presented, praying the Synod to use its influence with Government in procuring to that congregation a portion of his Majesty's bounty.

The prayer of this memorial was granted, & the Moderator instructed to draw up a memorial pursuant to the spirit of the supplication of Newtownstewart, and have it presented to Government in the name of this Synod.

INTERLOCUTOR.

Tubermore

Dr Black stated the progress of the Suit respecting Tubermore. His conduct was approved of in this matter, & he was requested to persevere.

A statement of the receipts & payments of his Majesty's bounty ending 29th September 1809, was submitted to this Interlocutor & found correct & satisfactory.

The accounts of the Agent to the Widows' fund were examined & found correct.

Dr Black informed the Interlocutor that he had lent the balance in his hands to Sir George Fitzgerald Hill & Marcus S. Hill, Esq.

Mr McCullogh gave notice that he will move next year for the repeal of the regulation which imposes a fine of 40s. on the absent members.

Moved that the different Presbyteries belonging to this Synod be instructed to levy the fines off the members who have been absent for the last & current year; & that they treat as contumacious such members as refuse to pay the fine. To this motion it was moved as an amendment that the words "last year" be omitted. The Roll was called & the amendment negatived: The original motion was then put & carried. Instruction to Presbyteries

A letter from the Trustees of the Widows' fund to the Moderator [was read] which the Modr is authorised to answer.

Dr Black is authorised to lend out the money in his hands belonging to the Widows' fund, on such private security as he may deem sufficient.

Synod concluded with prayer.

Inserted Feb. 8th 1811.

THO. CUMING, Clerk of Gen. Synod.

A General Synod at Cookstown, the 25th June 1811.

The Rev. William Dunlop, the Moderator, opened this Synod by preaching from 1 Cor. xiv. 20. Then constituted it by prayer: after which were present from the several Presbyteries the following members, viz, from:—

Minrs.	Elders.
Clogher Presbytery.	
Andrew Millar	
James Ker	Tho. Clarke
James Hall	
John Samson	
Jacob Scott	
Root Presbytery.	
James Elder	
James Brown	
Daniel McKee	
Charles Kenedy	
Samuel Dill	
James Boyle	
Thomas Greer	Willm. Ker
John Whiteside	
Solomon Brown	Matth. Kevan
Monaghan Presbytery.	
John McCurdy	
Joseph Denham	
James Gowdy	
Henry McIlree	
James Gibson	
Patrick White	
James Harpur	
John Johnston	
Tyrone Presbytery.	
Dr. Dickson	James Barclay
James Whiteside	
William Moore	James Smith
Tho. Makay	Wm. Harbinson
John Davidson	Adam Lynn
William Reid	
Robert Stewart	
John Cowan	Robt. Hutcheson
Moses Chambers	John Alexander
David Bennet	
William Brown	
Armagh Presbytery.	
Dr. Neilson	
Thomas Cuming	
Armagh Presbytery—continued.	
Nathaniel Shaw	
James Bankhead	
Dr. Wm. Neilson	
Andrew G. Malcom	
Paul Boreland	
Arthur Neilson	
Strabane Presbytery.	
William Dunlop	
Thomas Anderson	
Chas. Hemphill	Samuel Armar
William Porter	
Daniel Guilkie	
William McCrea	
John McFarlane	
Derry Presbytery.	
Dr. Black	
Henry Elder	William Cuthbert
Richard Dill	
David Hamilton	
William Monteith	
John Mitchel	John Kidd
George Hay	
Andw. McCaldin	William Galt
Templepatrick Presbytery.	
John Bankhead	
John Savage	James Millar
Adam Hill	David Forsythe
Robert Orr	Tho. Hunter
Robert Thomson	
Johh Murphy	
Thomas Alexander	
Robert Campbell	
Nathaniel Alexander	
Hen. Cook	Wm. Ferguson
Dromore Presbytery.	
James Birch	
John Thomson	John Brice
Dr. Little	
John Sherrard	Hen. Dickson

Minrs.	Elders.
Dromore Presbytery—continued.	
John McClelland	
John McCance	
Alexander Patterson	
John McIlwain	
Hamilton Dobbin	
Wm. Wright	Sam. Waterworth
Moses Finlay	
William McGowan	
James Black	
Belfast Presbytery.	
Andrew Greer	
Joseph Harrison	
Samuel Hanna	Jas. Munfoad
James McCullogh	Tho. Warnock
Charles Gray	
Fletcher Bleakley	Wm. McCullogh
John Walker	
Bangor Presbytery.	
Andrew Craig	
James Sinclair	
Robert Atcheson	
Josiah Ker	
John Arnold	
John Mulligan	James Stannis
Hugh Woods	
Hen. Montgomery	
William Finlay	

Minrs.	Elders.
Dublin Presbytery.	
James Horner	
William McEwen	
Ballimena Presbytery.	
Tho. Henry	Sam. Butler
Hen. Henry	Sam. Armstrong
Benjamin Mitchel	
Robert Stewart	
Richard Dill	
Geo. McClelland	Wm. Agnew
Matth. Elder	Jas. McMullan
Letterkenny Presbytery.	
John Holmes	
Wm. Ramsay	
Wm. Huston	
James McClintock	
James Huston	
Joseph Lytle	
Edward Reid	
James Marshal	Wm. Glendy
James Neilson	
John Gillespie	
Elder from vacant Congregation	
Ballimena,	Dr. Patrick

Mr Dunlop having moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, the following brethren were named, viz, Messrs Ker, James Elder, Gowdy, Makay, James Bankhead, Hemphill, Hay, Hill, McClelland, Harrison, John Arnold, McEwen, Stewart, & Ramsay.

The Roll was called & Mr Bankhead chosen. Mr Bankhead Modr

Mr Cuming continued Clerk.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night & to prepare lists to be given to the Clerk to-morrow morning, of their members for the several committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, & Gen. Synod's fixed committee. An account of such Ministers as have died, been ordained, or installed; of such candidates as have been licensed, or entered on trials since last Gen. Synod; & of such students as have been examined previous to their going to College by their respective Presbyteries:—An account of annuitants on the fund; of any that have died; of the time when such did die; also of such women in their bounds as have been wives of Ministers & are not on the fund.

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Second Session. Wednesday morning, 10 *o'clock.*

After prayer, returns were made by the several presbyteries of their members for the several Committees, also the following reports :—

Clogher Presbytery report, that Mr Booth Caldwell of the Congregation of Sligo & Ballymote, died on the 24th of October last. That they ordained Mr Jacob Scott in that Congregation, on the 19th of March who is a contributor to the Widows' fund. That on the first Tuesday of June Inst. they suspended Mr Davidson of Aughnacloy, for two months. That they have licensed Mr Henry Carson on same day agreeably to Synodical rules. Have on the fund Mrs Moorhead.

Root Presbytery report, that the Rev. Daniel Blair died on the 10th February last leaving a widow & family. They licensed to preach the Gospel Mr James Hughey, on the last Tuesday of July, & Mr Sam. Elder on the second Tuesday of October; they both subscribed the Westminster Confession of faith. Have on first trials Henry Graham. Examined Saml Templeton, Samuel Hamilton, James Lynd, & William Kevan, previous to going to college for the first season & also on their return. Henry Haslet & William Johnston, on their return from college the second season, John Brown & John Greer on their return the third, & Benjamin Jameson, Samuel Hill, Jackson Grahan, & Wm McClenaghan the fourth. Have on the fund Mrs Gaston, Smilie, Hamilton, Elder, Davis, McMullan, Glasgo, & family of Mr Henry.

Widows

Monaghan Presbytery report, that they ordained the Rev. Patrick White in the Congregation of Bailieboro' on the 28th of August last, who subscribed the Westminster Confession of faith, & is a contributor to the Widows' fund. That they ordained the Rev. James Harpur as assistant & successor to the Rev. John Davys, in the Congregation of Castleblaney on the 11th of December last, who is a contributor to the Widows' fund. That they licensed Mr William Waughope on the 16th of October last, who subscribed the Westminster confession of faith. That they have received on first trials, Mr Joseph Thomson, & examined Mr McClelland previous to his going to College for the first time. They have on the fund Mrs Warnock, Smith, Montgomery, Whiteside, and Rogers now in Dublin.

Tyrone Presbptery report, that since last meeting of Synod they have licensed Messrs Brown, Anderson, Reid, Cunningham, Elder, Winning, & Willis. Entered on first trials Messrs Magill, James & Wm Fleming, Ferguson, Stone, White, Wilson, Harkness, & Allen. Examined previous to going to College first time, Messrs John & Francis Magowan, James Kilpatrick, John Leslie, Robt Wiley, John Hogg, Robert Park, Walter Gourley, and John Adams. Mr Brown was ordained in Tobermore on the 20th of November last, & is a contributor to the Widows' fund. Mr Dougal died on the 9th of December, leaving a widow & family, & Mr Shannon on the 22d of Feb. last leaving a Widow. Have on the fund Mrs Stitt, Simson, Adams, Boylan, & family of Mr Hogg.

Armagh Presbytery report, that they licensed Mr Edward Prenter on the 3d of September, & William Heron on the first Tuesday in November last to preach the Gospel. That they examined at the November meeting Mr Kenedy previous to his going to College. They have on the fund Mrs Thom, & the family of Mr Dickson. Not on the fund Mrs Moody.

Strabane Presbytery report, that they have examined Mr John Davis previous to his going to College, & that they have on the fund Mrs Turbit & Mrs Hamill.

Derry Presbytery report, that they installed Mr McCaldin as assistant & successor to the Rev. Matthew Culbert in the Congregation of Colraine on the 20th day of March last. That they examined Messrs Hugh & John Brook, Samuel Gilfillen, & Hugh Mills, previous to their going to College, & have entered on first trials, Mr William Cuthbertson. They have on the fund, Mrs Walker, Patten, Scott, Law, & family of Mr Kyle.

Templepatrick Presbytery report, that they examined Samuel Eccles & William Hood, in October last previous to their going to college, & in May on their return & Mr Baird on his return from College for the second time. That they installed the Rev. Henry Cook in Donegore on the 22d of January last. Have on the fund Mrs Dunbar, White, Gibson, & Montgomery.

Dromore Presbytery report, that they have licensed Messrs John Hanna, & James McClelland who subscribed the Westminister confession of faith. They have on trials Mr James Turretine. They examined Samuel Crory in October last, previous to his going to College the first time. Have on the fund, Mrs Magee, Hay, Thomson & her daughter.

Belfast Presbytery report, that they have entered on first trials, Messrs Wm Skelly & Wm McCullogh. That Messrs Samuel Simson, Henry Coulter, John Bailie, & William Harrison were examined & gave in the neccessary Specimens during the last summer. That they examined Messrs James Cochran, & Hugh McAulay previous to their going to College for the first time. Mr Watson generally absented himself from the meeting of Presbytery last year, & Messrs Brydone and Whitlaw have attended no meeting of their Presbytery since before the last Meeting of Synod. Have on the fund Mrs Kenedy, McEwen, Rowan, Kelburn, Malcom, Henry, & family of Mr Patten.

Bangor Presbytery report, that on the 20th of November they ordained the Rev. William Finlay, in the Congregation of Dundonald, as assistant & successor to the Rev. James Caldwell, he is a contributor to the widows fund. Have on first trials William Campbell. Examined James Craig, James Purse, & Henry Andrews, on their return from College. Have on the fund Mrs Jackson, Hull, now in America, Patterson, Porter, & Cochran.

Dublin Presbytery report, that the Rev. Andrew McCaldin resigned the pastoral charge of the congregation of Stratford on Slaney on the 6th of December 1810. Have on the fund Mrs Rogers & Wilson.

Ballimena Presbytery report, that they ordained the Rev. George M^c^Clelland on the 24th of September, in the congregation of Ahoghill, & the Rev. Matthew Elder as assistant & successor to the Rev. Robert Scott, in the congregation of Denain on the 21st of June Inst, who are both contributors to the Widows' fund. That they have examined Mr Matthew Adams after his return from College the second time. The Rev. Charles Brown died on the 9th September leaving a Widow & family, & the Rev. William Hamilton on the 15th of January leaving a family. The Rev. Hen. Cook resigned the pastoral charge of the congregation of Denain on the 13th of November. Have on the fund Mrs Lyndsay, Cuming, Howard, & the family of Mr Douglas.

Letterkenny Presbytery report, that they examined the following young men after their return from College, viz., Wm Ray, John Ray, John M^c^Elheny, & Matthew Clarke. Have on first trials Wm Ray. Have on the fund Mrs Alexander & Love.

Antrim Presbytery report, that they ordained the Rev. James Carley as assistant & successor to the Rev. Wm Bryson at Antrim on the 3^d^ of April last. Mr Carley is a contributor to the Widows fund. Have on the fund Mrs Vance, Cromie, Sinclair, & Nevin.

Gen. Synods fixed Committee for the year 1811.

Presbs.		Minrs.
Clogher,	Messrs	Stephenson & Samson
Root,	,,	Kenedy & Greer
Monaghan,	,,	M^c^Ilree & Gibson
Tyrone,	,,	Moore & M^c^Kay
Armagh,	,,	Dr W. Neilson & A. Neilson
Strabane,	,,	Guilkie & M^c^Crea
Derry,	,,	Allison & Mitchel
T.Patrick,	,,	Orr & T. Alexander
Dromore,	,,	Thomson & Sherrard
Belfast,	,,	Simson & Bleakley
Bangor,	,,	Craig & Atcheson
Dublin,	,,	Horner & M^c^Ewen
Ballimena,	,,	Dill & M^c^Clelland
Letterkenny,	,,	Gillespie & Neilson

These, with an Elder from each Presbytery, & our Moderator & Clerk, are to meet at Cookstown, when called by the Moderator on any emergency: fifteen to be a Quorum, of whom twelve at least are to be Ministers.

Adjourned. Committees to meet immediately. Open Synod at half-past one o'clock.

Third Session. Wednesday, half-past one o'clock, P.M.

It was moved that Cookstown be the place of the Synod's meeting next year. Lurgan was also put in nomination. The Roll was called, & Cookstown carried. The meeting to take place on the last Tuesday in June next. Divine service to begin at 5 o'clock, Afternoon.

The Synod's Bible Committee made the following report.

"Your committee have received since your last meeting the following remittances,

Mr Arnold, Donaghadee, ..	..	£9	17	0
Mr Marshal, Rathmelton,	..	10	7	6
Mr Hemphill, N.T.Stewart,	..	18	15	1½
Mr Anderson, Drumquin,	..	6	3	2½
Mr McCrea, Strabane, ..	..	21	0	1
Mr Monteith, Glendermot,	..	14	11	8
Mr Sam. Dill. Castlefin,	..	21	7	6
Mr Greer, Dunbo, ..	..	9	2	0
Mr Canning, Malin, ..	..	2	16	0
Mr Sinclair, Ballyhalbert,	..	5	2	8
Mr Gowdy, Coolemain, ..	..	3	7	9
Mr Christy, Cullybacky,	..	13	15	7½
Mr McCance, Comber, ..	..	0	17	1
Mr Richard Dill, Buckna,	..	40	3	0
Mr Hall, Clough, ..	..	21	17	1½
Mr Denham, K.Shandra,	..	3	8	3
Mr Hamilton, B.mena, ..	..	3	8	3
Mr Morell, Ballybay, ..	..	21	14	2
Mr Mitchel, B.money, ..	..	9	13	5
Mr Millar, Clogher, ..	..	2	10	0
Mr Stewart, Broughshane,	..	8	19	0½
Mr Brown, Garva, ..	..	1	14	1½
Mr Elder, Kilraghts, ..	..	5	15	9
Dr Neilson, Kilmore, ..	..	1	8	5
Mr F. Dill. M.Cunnigham,	..	1	1	7
Mr Gowdy, B.Walter, ..	..	1	1	6
Mr Thomson, Carnmoney,	..	4	9	4½
Mr Finlay, Donaghmore,	..	2	7	6
Mr McClelland, Ahoghill,	..	15	13	8½
Mr Hogg, Loughgall, ..	..	12	0	2
		£294	8	10

They have distributed during the last year 964 Bibles, & 513 Testaments,

They had occasion to apply to the Association in Dublin for a supply of Testaments, & obtained for [from] them a grant of 500 at their reduced prices.

Your committee have now on hand the following Books, formerly received as a donation from the British & Foreign Bible Society; 33 8vo. 70 royal 12mo. & 97 common 12mo. Bibles: 72 8vo. 728 12mo. Testaments, with Psalms. The Committee not having been able to dispose of these books in a manner satisfactory to themselves, request that the Synod may direct what may be done with them.

Your committee beg leave to suggest that the formation of different branches of the Hibernian Bible Society in this province has in a great measure superseded the necessity of their labours. The purposes for which your Bible Committee was appointed will now be accomplished by your recommending it to the Ministers of this Synod to encourage the formation of branches of the Hibernian Bible Society, in such places as may be thought expedient; & to become members of such branches as may be established in their respective neighbourhoods."

The Synod received this report with a grateful sense of the great trouble which the committee have had in the management of this business; & in compliance with the suggestion of the committee, earnestly recommend it to the members of the Synod to encourage the formation of branches of the Hibernian Bible Society in their respective vicinities, to avail themselves of the aid of such as are already established, for the purpose of disseminating still more extensively a knowledge of the holy Scriptures.

The Synod authorises the committee to dispose of the books on hand in such manner as they may judge best.

Rule amended

It was moved & agreed to, that the regulation of last year respecting the members who absent themselves from the meetings of Presbyteries, be thus amended, that each Presbytery do report the names of such members as generally absent themselves from their meetings. "Without assigning to their respective Presbyteries a sufficient reason for their absence."

Code of discipline

The committee appointed to prepare a code of discipline for the future government of this church having reported, that they had made some progress in the work to which they had been appointed, but had not been able to finish it;

It was moved & seconded, that the further prosecution of this business be laid aside, to which motion this amendment was moved, "that the committee be requested to proceed, & if possible to prepare a report to be submitted to the Synod at its next meeting." This amendment on the the call of the Roll was carried.

The Presbyter of Clogher informed the Synod that the affair respecting the arrears due by the Congregation of Fintona, to the heirs of the Rev. Mr Moorhead had been finally settled.

A Letter was presented to the Synod from the Chairman of the Board of visitors of the Belfast Academical Institution, accompanied by the act of incorporation, & Bye-laws of that seminary of learning.

The Act of Incorporation, &c. is ordered to be *in retentis* & the Rev. Mr Hanna, & Mr Hen. Henry are instucted to express the satisfaction of this Synod at the progress which this institution has made. Belfast Ac. Institution

On reading last year's Overture, it was moved & agreed to, that in reporting the suspension or publick censure of any of its members for misconduct, the Presbytery report also the cause of such suspension, or publick censure. Overture amended

Mr Hanna reported from the Committee appointed to poll the Congregation of Donegore, that the committee did not see cause to proceed in the ordination of Mr Butler. Donegore

It was moved & seconded, that the vote of censure of last year on the Presbytery of Templepatrick be rescinded. To this motion the following amendment was moved, that the consideration of this subject be postponed till the next meeting of Synod, when the Presbytery of Templepatrick shall produce their minutes relative to Mr Butler & the congregation of Donegore.

After the motion of amendment had been debated at considerable length, it was resolved, that the Synod do adjourn till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Session concluded with prayer.

Fourth Session. Thursday Morning, 7 o'clock.

After prayer, the subject of postponing the consideration of rescinding the vote of censure on the Presbytery of Templepatrick was resumed & argued at great length, when the roll was called, & it carried, postpone. Adjourned.

Fifth Session. 10 *o'clock. A.M.*

The conduct of the committee which met at Donegore was approved of.

The committee appointed to poll the congregation at Ballee reported, that finding Mr Ker had not a Synodical Majority, they did not see cause to re-instate him in the pastoral charge of that congregation.

The protesting members against the decision of last year, in the matter of Ballee, & Mr Ker, gave in their reasons of protest, which are ordered to be inserted in the minutes & are as follows:—

"We protest against the proceedings of this Rev. Synod in this affair for the following reasons:— Protest

1. Because the Rev. Josiah Ker denied the doctrine of the Trinity which we consider a fundamental article of the Christian faith, the denial of which is utterly subversive of Christianity.

2. Because of his immorality & imprudence, for the Apostle Paul says, "a Bishop should be sober, of good behaviour, not given to wine, no striker, of good report, not a novice."

3. Because continuing the Rev. Josiah Ker a member of this Synod must be dishonourable to its reputation, and destructive of the souls under his care, therefore we consider him unworthy of being a member of this body."

James Elder,	Charles Kenedy,	James Gowdy,
James Brown,	William Wright,	James Horner,
Richard Dill,	Thomas Greer,	Samuel Hanna,
Samuel Dill,	Wm D. H. McEwen,	John Thomson,
John Hall,	Richd Dill, Junr,	Joseph Harrison,
Solomon Brown,	James Marshal.	

Resolved that this meeting on hearing the report of the Committee sent by them to Ballee, & from other circumstances are now convinced, that though the Presbytery of Bangor might have fallen into some irregularity in point of forms, yet that their conduct throughout all their proceedings in Mr Ker's business, has been actuated by the best intentions.

Newtown-stewart.

Mr Dunlop reported that he had presented a memorial to the Lord Lieutenant pursuant to the order of last Synod, praying his Excellency to place the congregation of Newtownstewart on the list with those who are in receipt of his Majesty's Bounty, & that he had the pleasure of informing the Synod that his Excellency had been pleased to grant the prayer of the memorial.

OVERTURES.

I. The following addresses to his Royal Highness the Prince Regent, & his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant were unanimously agreed to, & the Moderator is ordered to transmit them to the Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant, & have them with the Answers published in the *Dublin Evening Post*, the *Patriot*, & the two Belfast newspapers.

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, THE PRINCE REGENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND.

May it please your Royal Highness,

We the Ministers & Elders of the Gen. Synod of Ulster assembled at our annual meeting, request permission to express to your Royal Highness the deep & unfeigned sorrow with which we have been penetrated on account of the indisposition of our revered & most gracious Sovereign.

Protected during his long & equitable reign, in the enjoyment of civil & religious liberty, & distinguished by many marks of his Royal favour, we feel impelled by the united sense of duty & of gratitude to offer our earnest prayers to the Supreme disposer of all events for his speedy & complete recovery.

We entreat your Royal Highness to accept the assurance of our dutiful attachment to your Royal Highness's person, & of our humble acknowledgments for those liberal, dignified & constitutional sentiments, which your Royal Highness has taken occasion to express, & which cannot fail to inspire all classes of his Majesty's loyal subjects with an entire reliance on the wisdom of your Royal Highness's councils in the administration of the Government of this United Kingdom, during the indisposition of your Royal father.

Signed in our name & by our order, at Cookstown, this 27th day of June 1811.

JAMES BANKHEAD, Moderator.

TO HIS GRACE CHARLES LENNOX, DUKE OF RICHMOND, LORD LIEUTENANT GENERAL & GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

May it please your Grace,

We his Majesty's most dutiful & loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the General Synod of Ulster, request your Grace may be pleased to transmit to his Royal Highness, the Prince Regent, the address which we herewith forward.

We have great satisfaction in embracing the occasion which now offers, to present to your Grace our cordial acknowledgments of your Grace's mild & temperate government of this part of the United Kingdom, as well as for the particular kindness which we have experienced during your Grace's administration.

Signed in our name & by our order, at Cookstown, this 27th day of June 1811.

JAMES BANKHEAD, Moderator.

II. That it is the declared sentiment of this Synod, that every member of it has a right to have extracts from its Minutes, upon paying to the Clerk a reasonable compensation for his trouble in giving the same.

BILLS.

I. A memorial signed by 114 names, from a part of the Congregation of Tullylish was presented to this Synod, complaining of the Presbytery of Dromore, & of the conduct of their Minister, the Rev. John Sherrard respecting a donation to the congregation by Dr Sims, & praying that as Mr Sherrard's Ministry can be no longer useful in Tullylish, the connection between him & that congregation may be dissolved. On the commissioners appointed to present this memorial being asked what they meant by the dissolution of the connection which they requested, they answered that they only wished Mr Sherrard to take an assistant & successor in the ministry; but that Tullylish

they did not wish to bring any charges against his moral character, or to deprive him of his Majesty's bounty during his life.

A memorial was also presented from another part of the congregation in behalf of Mr Sherrard & the Presbytery of Dromore, alledging that should Mr Sherrard's opponents be permitted to persist in their opposition to the decision of the Presbytery of Dromore, their congregation will be ruinēd, & praying that the decision of the Presbytery of Dromore may be confirmed.

Mr Sherrard & the commissioners on both sides being heard, the Presbytery of Dromore, gave a narrative of their proceedings, & the reasons on which they were founded, after which a protest against the proceedings of the Presbytery as inconsistent & irregular, signed by James Birch, John Thomson, Alexr Patterson, Wm Wright, Moses Finlay, and Samuel Waterworth Elder, was read, & some of the protesting members heard in support of their reasons of protest; when it being the hour of dinner the farther consideration of this business was defered till next Sederunt.

Adjourned till to morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

Sixth Session. Friday morning 7 o'clock.

After prayer, the protesting members of the Dromore Presbytery having concluded their reasons for protesting, the Presbytery were heard in their defence at very considerable length, when the meeting adjourned till ten o'clock.

Seventh Session. Ten o'clock A.M.

Moved & unanimously agreed to, that this Synod do earnestly recommend it to Mr Sherrard & the commissioners on both sides to forget all past causes of jealousy & estrangement, & to return in friendship to their respective homes, & that the congregation of Tullylish be permitted to choose an assistant & successor to Mr Sherrard without lett or hindrance, so soon as the congregation may wish it. To which recommendation Mr Sherrard most heartily acceded, as did the commissioners on both sides.

Mr Shaw is ordered to exchange pulpits with Mr Sherrard on Sunday next, to read this minute from the pulpit, & to enforce the recommendation of the Synod on the congregation of Tullylish.

A similar recommendation from the Synod to the Presbytery of Dromore was received by that body in a similar manner.

Sligo & Ballymote

II. A memorial from the united congregation of Sligo & Ballymote was presented to this Synod praying to be erected into two separate congregations.

Resolved, that for the present year Sligo & Ballymote have the publick services of their Minister equally divided between them; & that the Presbytery of Clogher do meet at Sligo or Ballymote, shortly

before the next meeting of Synod, & report to the Synod the state of that Congregation.

III. A Memorial was presented by the Rev. Dr Dickson, complaining of the conduct of the Clerk, the Rev. Thomas Cuming, in refusing him copies of certain Synodical papers which he had required, & requesting the Synod to grant him copies of said papers.

Resolved, that Mr Cuming our Clerk acted with propriety & strictly conformable to the nature of his office in refusing official copies of the papers required.

Resolved, that copies of the following minutes of Synod be given to Dr Dickson by our Clerk, viz. :—

1. A minute of a rule of Interlocutor 1797, consequent on the death of the late Mr Millar, who died in America.

2. That of 1801, authorising supplies to be granted to the Separatists from the old congregation of Keady.

3. That of their erection in 1802.

A memorial from a part of the congregation of Ballee was dismissed, inasmuch as it was irregularly brought. Meml dismissed

IV. Three Memorials were presented to the Synod from the majority & committee of the congregation of Ballyeaston complaining of the conduct of the Presbytery of Templepatrick in refusing to forward the call & Ordination of the Rev. Samuel Butler, as their stated pastor, & praying to be taken from under the care of the Presbytery of Templepatrick, & put under the care of some other presbytery. Ballyeaston

A memorial was also presented from the minority of that congregation alledging that the poll for Mr Butler had been irregular, & praying this Synod to dismiss him altogether from the consideration of the congregation as their Minister, as the only means of preserving the peace & promoting the welfare of the congregation; and to continue them under the care of the Presbytery of Templepatrick.

The commissioners on both sides were heard, as were the Presbytery in their defence, at considerable length, when the Synod adjourned till 8 o'clock this evening.

Eighth Session. Eight o'clock, P.M.

The Presbytery of Templepatrick concluded their defence, when the Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning at seven o'clock.

Ninth Session. Saturday morning, seven o'clock.

The Synod proceeded to interrogate the commissioners & Presbytery of Templepatrick respecting the proceedings on the poll, &c. for Mr Butler, when the meeting adjourned.

Tenth Session. Ten o'clock. A.M.

The presbytery of Templepatrick & commissioners having withdrawn, & the Synod having maturely deliberated on the subject; it was resolved that a committee consisting of the following brethren, viz. Messrs James Bankhead, Thomas Henry, Nathaniel Shaw, Samuel Hanna, and William Wright be appointed to take the congregation of Ballyeaston under their care until the meeting of Synod immediately after their settlement & that said committee do meet at Ballyeaston on last Tuesday in July to poll the congregation respecting Mr Butler, in taking which poll the committee is to confine itself to the list furnished to Mr Campbell on the former poll: and shall forward a call & proceed to the ordination of Mr Butler, or not, as they see cause: and if they do not see it proper to proceed with the settlement of Mr Butler, they are to take such steps as to them may appear regular to forward the settlement of that congregation.

Resolved that the consideration of the conduct of the Presbytery of Templepatrick be postponed till next meeting of Synod.

INTERLOCUTOR.

Dr Black reported, that he had, under the advice of counsel, prosecuted the business of Tubermore, but the congregation having obtained the actual possession of the meeting-house further proceedings became unnecessary.

Resolved, that Dr Black's conduct be approved of, & that he be requested, should any attempt be made to recover possession of the meeting-house by the opposite party to resist it by every legal means.

A statement of the receipts & payments of his Majesty's Bounty ending the 29th September 1810 were submitted to the Interlocutor, & found correct & satisfactory.

The accounts of the Treasurer for the Widows' fund were examined & found correct.

M^{r} McCullogh, in pursuance of his notice last year, moved that the regulation imposing fines for absence be now rescinded.

On the call of the Roll this motion was carried, & all fines paid under the operation of that rule are ordered to be refunded.

Dr Black reported that he had lent the balance of last year to the corporation of Londonderry.

A letter from the Trustees of the Widows' fund was read, which Dr Black is appointed to answer.

Resolved that the following contributors, viz, Messrs Wm Moore, Wm Dunlop, Tho. Henry, And^{w} Millar, & Wm Porter, be the committee for managing the affairs of the Widows' fund for the present year, & that they shall meet at Londonderry on any emergency that may arise.

Resolved that for the present year, the annuity to be paid to the Widows be £36.

Mr Malcom gave notice that he will move the Interlocutor next year, that the annuity be continued to the children of the contributors *ten* years instead of *eight*.

Dr Wm Neilson gave notice that he will next year move

1. That the eleventh regulation of the Widows' fund as published in 1809, be repealed.

2. That no minister having once become a contributor to the fund, shall be at liberty to cease being a contributor, so long as he is in the receipt of his Majesty's bounty.

Resolved that the Agent be requested to deduct 30s. from the next half-year's R.D. of each Minister in the first class, 22s. & 6d. from the R.D. of each Minister in the second class, & 15s. from the R.D. of each minister in the third class, & to apply the amount in discharging the debts of the Synod.

Mr Hanna gave notice that he will move the Synod next year to afford some support to the society lately formed in London for promoting the conversion of the Jews.

Synod concluded with prayer.

THOMAS CUMING, Clerk of Gen. Synod.

A General Synod at Cookstown, the 30th June, 1812.

The Rev. James Bankhead, the Moderator, opened this Synod by preaching from 1 Peter iii, 15, then constituted it by prayer: after which were present from the several Presbyteries the following members, viz. from :—

Minrs.	Elders.
Route Presbytery.	
James Elder	Saml. Elder
James Brown	John Macurdy
Saml. Dill	
Tho. Greer	
John Whiteside	
Solomon Brown	
John Sims	
James Dunlop	
Richard Dill	
Monaghan Presbytery.	
Samuel Kenedy	Tho. Kenedy
James Gowdy	James Porter
James Morell	
Patrick Whyte	
James Harpur	
Robt. Winning	
Tyrone Presbytery.	
Dr. Dickson	
William Moore	Tho. Sloane
Tho. Makay	Hugh Whyte
John Davison	Geo. Ledlie
Moses Chambers	
David Bennet	
William Brown	
Robt. Cunningham	
Armagh Presbytery.	
Thomas Cuming	
James Bankhead	
Samuel Arnold	
Andrew G. Malcom	
Robert Adams	
Paul Boreland	Andw. Scott
Willm. Maclaine	
Strabane Presbytery.	
William Dunlop	
Charles Hemphill	
William Porter	
John McFarlane	

Minrs.	Elders.
Derry Presbytery.	
Dr. Black	
Richard Dill	
George Hay	
James Johnson	
Templepatrick Presbytery.	
Adam Hill	David Foresythe
Robert Orr	
Robert Thomson	
Tho. Alexander	
Robert Campbell	
Nat. Alexander	Archd. Hunter
Henry Cook	Wm. Ferguson
Wm. Glendy	
Dromore Presbytery.	
James Birch	Robt. Kinghan
John Thompson	John Brice
James Waddle	
Alexr. Patterson	
William Wright	
William Magowan	
James Black	
John Thomson	Tho. Crawford
Belfast Presbytery.	
Saml. Hanna	James Munfoad
Henry Simson	
James McCullogh	
Fletcher Bleakly	
Bangor Presbytery.	
Josiah Ker	
John Mulligan	
Hen. Montgomery	
David Whyte	
Dublin Presbytery.	
James Horner	
William McEwen	
John Baird	

Ballimena Presbytery.		Clogher Presbytery.
Tho. Henry	James Davison	Andrew Millar
Henry Henry		James Ker
Robert Stewart		John Samson
Geo. McClelland	John Clarke	James Philips
Wm. Waughope	Dr. Patrick	John Anderson

Letterkenny Presbytery.		Elders from vacant Congns. &c.	
Joseph Lytle		Cairncullogh,	Saml. Allen
Edward Ried		Antrim,	Joseph McCrory
Tho. Kernaghan	Willm. Rae	Carlin,	John Kenedy.

Mr Bankhead having moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod the following brethren were named, viz., Messrs James Elder, Gowdy, Makay, Arnold, McFarlane, Hay, Hill, Wright, McCullogh, D. Whyte, Baird, Stewart, Reid, and Samson. Mr Makay Moderator

The Roll was called and Mr Makay chosen.

Mr Cuming continued Clerk.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, and to prepare lists to be given to the Clerk to-morrow morning, of their members for the several committees of overtures, bills, books, & Gen. Synod's fixed committee. An account of such ministers as have died, been ordained, or installed; of such candidates as have been licensed, or entered on trials since last Gen. Synod; of such students as have been examined previous to their going to, & after their return from College by their respective Presbyteries, and such other returns as our regulations require:—an account of annuitants on the fund:—of any that have died:—of the time when such did die:—also of such women in their bounds, as have been wives of ministers, and are not on the fund.

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

Second Session. Wednesday morning, 10 *o'clock.*

After prayer returns were made by the several presbyteries of their members for the several committees, also the following reports:—

Route Presbytery report, that on the 30th July last they licensed Mr Henry Graham to preach the Gospel who subscribed the Wesminster confession of faith. They have on first trials Benjamin Jameson, Samuel Hill, Jackson Graham, and Wm McClenaghan. Have examined previous to their going to College for the first time, John Greer, Joseph Scott and Clarke Huston. That on the 10th March last, they installed the Rev. Richard Dill in the congregation of Drumachose, who subscribed tht Westminster confession of faith. They have entered on first trials John Brown, Tho. Campbell and John Greer. Have on the fund Mrs Gaston, Smylie, Hamilton, Elder, Davys, McMullan, Glasgo and Blair. Installed Widows

Died
Ordained

Monaghan Presbytery report, that the Rev. Wm Moore died on the 27th June, 1811, leaving a widow & family. That they ordained, on the 9th June last, the Rev. Robert Winning to the charge of the united congregation of Ervey and Carrickmaglin, who subscribed the Westminister confession of faith, and is a contributor to the Widows' fund. That the Rev. John Johnston resigned the charge of the Congregation of Coothill, in the month of August last. That they examined Mr John Smith, on his return from college, and have on first trials Messrs Joseph Thomson & John Smyth. They have on the fund Mrs Warnock, Smyth, Montgomery, Whiteside, Moore & Rogers who resides at present in Dublin.

Resigned

Widows

Tyrone Presbytery report, that on the 6th August last they licensed Messrs Robert Allen, John Harkness, James Wilson, John Whyte, and James Ferguson, to preach the Gospel. They have entered on first trials Messrs John Harkness, Wm Lyle, James & John Patterson. They ordained Mr Robert Cuningham at Minterburn on the 24th September last who is a contributor to the Widows' fund. Have on the fund Mrs Stitt, Adams, Boylan, Dougal, Simson and family of Mr Stewart.

Ordained

Widows

Armagh Presbytery report, that they examined Messrs John Kenedy and Johnson Neilson previous to their going to college for the first time; & John Kenedy, Joseph Jenkins, John Blakely, and Johnson Neilson on their return. That they admonished and suspended for one Lord's day, the Rev. Robert Adams, for neglect of his pastoral duty in not visiting the sick, and for transgressing the regulations of Synod respecting the celebration of Marriage. They have on the fund Mrs Thom, and family of Mr Dickson.

Suspended

Widow

Strabane Presbytery report, that they have on first trials Mr Moore. On the the fund Mrs Turbitt and Hamil.

Widows

Templepatrick Presbytery report, that they examined William Baird, David Davidson, and Samuel Eccles on their return from college. Have on second trials Mr William Glendy. On the fund Mrs Dunbar, White, Gibson and Montgomery.

Derry Presbytery report, that they have entered on first trials Messrs John & Henry Kidd & Mr Makay. That they ordained the Rev. James A. Johnston, in the Congregation of Banagher, who is a contributor to the Widows' fund. That they have on the fund Mrs Walker, Patten, Scott, Law, and the family of Mr Kyle.

Ordained

Widows

Died

Dromore Presbytery report, that the Rev. Samuel Barber died on the 5th September last, leaving a Widow & family. They installed the Rev. John Johnson at Tullylish on the 1st October last, as assistant & successor to the Rev. Mr Sherrard. They licensed Mr James Davys, on the 4th September last, to preach the Gospel, who subscribed the Westminster Confession of faith. Have on first trials Mr James Turretine, & on second trials Mr James McClelland. David Watson, William Scott and James Gardiner were examined previous to their going to college the first time. James Black and Samuel Crory before their going to college the second time, and James Thomson and John Dickson, before their going to college the third time. They have on the fund Mrs Hay, Thomson and daughter, Magee and Barber.

Widows

Belfast presbytery report, that they licensed to preach the Gospel William Skelly and William M^c^Cullogh, who subscribed the Westminster confession of faith. That they have on first trials Messrs Saml Simson, John Bailie & Henry Coulter. That they examined & received the necessary specimens from Messrs William Harrison James Cochran, & Hugh M^c^Aulay after their return from college. That they examined & approved of Messrs Harrison, Hutton, M^c^Cormick, Mayne, Johnston, and the two Messrs Heron previous to their going to college for the first time. Have on the fund Mrs Kenedy M^c^Ewen, Rowan, Kelburn, Malcom, Henry, and family of Mr Patten Widows

Bangor presbytery report, that the Rev. John Arnold died on the 10th August last, leaving a widow & family. That on the 27th August they ordained the Rev. David Whyte in the congregation of Ballee, who is a contributor to the Widows' fund. That on the 29th October they licensed Mr William Campbell to preach the Gospel. That they examined Mr Robert Stevenson on his return from college the first time. Have on the fund Mrs Jackson, Hull, now in America Patterson, Porter, Cochran & Arnold. Died Ordained Widows

Dublin presbytery report, that they ordained the Rev. John Baird in the congregation of Stratford upon Slaney, on the 24th September, 1811, who subscribed the Westminster confession of faith, and is a contributor to the Widows' fund. They have on the fund Mrs Caldwell & Wilson. Ordained Widows

Ballymena presbytery report, that the Rev. Richard Dill resigned his pastoral charge of the congregation of Buckna, on the 11th February last. They ordained the Rev. Wm Waughope in the congregation of Ballymena on the 23^d^ of June, who is a contributor to the Widows' fund. They examined Messrs Boyd & Anderson previous to their going to college the first time, & also after their return. Mr Matthew Adams gave the necessary specimens during last Summer, & was examined on returning from college the third time. They have on the fund Mrs Lyndsay, Cuming, Howard, Brown, and the families of Douglas and Hamilton. Resigned Ordained Widows

Letterkenny presbytery report, that they licensed Mr William Ray, to preach the Gospel, on the 16th October last. That they ordained Mr Thomas Kernaghan in the united congregation of Altoclady and Douglas, as assistant and successor to the Rev. Thomas Leitch, on the 6th of November last. Also, that they ordained Mr John Allen in the united congregation of Kilmacrenan & Dunfanaghy, on the 12th of March last, both of whom are contributors to the Widows' fund. The Rev. David Allen died on the 9th of January last, leaving a widow & family. They examined David Rogers and Stuart Bates, previous to going to college for the first time; Matthew Clarke & John Hamilton on their return from college the second time; John Ray and John M^c^Elheney, on their return the fourth time. Have on the fund Mrs Burke, Delap, Allen, and the families of Alexander & Love. Ordained Ordained Died Widows

Clogher presbytery report, that on the 19th of August, the Rev. James Davidson resigned the pastoral charge of the united congregation of Aughnacloy and Balligawly. That on the 19th of May last the Resigned

Rev. James Philips was ordained in the Congregation of Cavanaleck, as assistant and successor to the Rev. William Johnston. He is a contributor to the Widows' fund. That the Rev. John Anderson was ordained in the united congregation of Aughnacloy and Balligawley on the 23d of June last, who is also a contributor to the Widows' fund. Have on the fund Mrs Moorhead.

Ordained

Antrim Presbytery report, that the Rev. William Bruce was ordained Co-pastor with the Rev. Dr Bruce in the first presbyterian congregation of Belfast, on the 3d of March, 1812. That he is a subscriber to the Widows' fund; and that they have on the fund, Mrs Cromie, Sinclair, Nevin & Vance.

General Synod's fixed committee for the year 1812.

Presbs.	Minrs.
Route,	Messrs Jas Brown & Jas Boyle
Monaghan,	,, Morell & Whyte
Tyrone,	,, Dr Dickson & Mr Moore
Armagh,	,, Malcom & Maclaine
Strabane,	,, Guilkie & McCrea
T.patrick,	,, Orr and Thomson
Derry,	,, Mitchel & Johnson
Dromore,	,, Thomson & Waddle
Belfast,	,, Blakely & Walker
Bangor,	,, Woods & Montgomery
Dublin,	,, McEwen & Baird
Ballymena,	,, Stewart & Waughope
Letterkenny,	,, Nelson & Gillespie
Clogher,	,, Scott & Hall

These with an Elder from each Presbytery, and our Moderator & Clerk, are to meet at Cookstown when called by the Moderator on any emergency: Fifteen to be a quorum, of whom twelve, at least, are to be ministers.

Adjourned. Committees to meet immediately. Open Synod at half-past one o'clock.

Third Session. Wednesday, half-past one o'clock, P.M.

Resolved unanimously that Cookstown be the place of the Synod's meeting next year. The meeting to take place on the last Tuesday in June next. Divine service to begin at five o'clock, afternoon. Synod to meet at Cookstown

Mr Munfoad on the part of the Synod's late Bible committee stated that there was still a balance of £42 : 16 : 3½ in the hands of the Committee, & requested instructions how to apply this money.

The Synod instruct the Committee to hand this money over to the Hibernian bible Society.

In consequence of an application from the Belfast branch of the Hibernian bible Society, it was unanimously resolved that it be recommended to the members of this Synod to exert their utmost influence in procuring subscriptions & donations in their respective neighbourhoods in favour of the Hibernian bible Society; and that the members of our body in the counties of Down, Antrim & Derry do give their utmost aid to the Belfast branch of the Society in forming minor branches in said counties; and that it be recommended to them to preach a Sermon in their respective congregations, & make a collection for the Society, agreeably to the application which they may receive from the Belfast branch. Belfast bible Society

The committee appointed to draw up a code of discipline for the regulation of this Church, reported progress, & asked leave to sit again. Granted. Code of discipline

The Presbytery of Templepatrick having produced their minutes respecting Mr Butler & the Congregation of Donegore, according to the order of last year, it was resolved that this Synod do not see cause to rescind the resolution of censure; but are ready to declare, from the statement now made by that presbytery, that their irregularity did not originate in evil intentions. Presb. of T.patrick

On reading the addresses of last year to the Prince Regent & the Lord Lieutenant, Mr James Bankhead, the late Moderator, produced the Prince Regent's & the Lord Lieutenant's answers, which were read. But the addresses and answers not having been published by Mr Bankhead according to the order of the last Synod, it was unanimously resolved, that Mr Bankhead's conduct in declining to publish the addresses and their answers, is highly reprehensible. The Answers to our addresses are ordered to be inserted in our minutes; but while the Synod regrets that the addresses with their answers have not been published in due time, according to the order & intention of this body, it judges it unnecessary to publish them now.

THE LORD LIEUTENANT'S ANSWER.

Dublin Castle, July 3d 1811.

Sir,

The Lord Lieutenant has received the Address of the Ministers & Elders of the General Synod of Ulster, with their address to his Royal Highness the Prince Regent.

And I am commanded by his Grace to acquaint you that he will immediately transmit the Address to the Prince Regent, to be laid before his Royal Highness: and that his Grace feels great satisfaction from the sentiments the Gen. Synod of Ulster have expressed respecting his Government.

I have the honor to be Sir,

your most obedient humble servant,

W. W. POLE.

Rev. James Bankhead, Moderator.

THE PRINCE REGENT'S ANSWER.

Dublin Castle, 16th July, 1811.

Sir,

The Lord Lieutenant having transmitted the address to his Royal Highness the Prince Regent from the Ministers and Elders of the Synod of Ulster, assembled at their annual meeting, I have to acquaint you by his Grace's command that he has received a Letter from the Right Honourable Richard Ryder, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, signifying that his Royal Highness was pleased to receive the said address in the most gracious manner.

I am, Sir, your most obedient humble servant,

W. W. POLE.

Rev. James Bankhead, Moderator of the Synod of Ulster.

Session concluded with prayer. Open Synod to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

Fourth Session. Thursday morning, 7 o'clock.

Mr Sherrard

After prayer, on reading the minute of last year respecting Mr Sherrard and the Congregation of Tullylish, a letter from Mr Sherrard to the Synod was read, complaining of some expressions in said minutes as reflecting on his moral character, & praying the Synod either to expunge said expressions from their minutes, or to appoint a committee to hear Mr Sherrard's statement of facts, & report their opinion to the Synod.

After some discussion, the commissioner who answered the question of the Synod last year, being present, declared that the Congregation of Tullylish never had any charges against the moral character of Mr Sherrard.

Presb. of Clogher

It having appeared that the Presbytery of Clogher had neglected to comply with the order of the Synod last year, respecting Sligo & Ballymote, the Synod expresses its strong displeasure at this inattention to their duty & enjoins the Presbytery to meet at Sligo in the course

of the present year, & make a report of the state of that congregation to the Synod at its next meeting.

Adjourned till half-past ten o'clock.

Fifth Session. Half-past ten o'clock, A.M.

On reading the minute of last Synod respecting Dr Dickson's memorial, Dr Black begged leave in pursuance of previous notice, to call the attention of the Synod to a book published since our last meeting by Dr Dickson, in which as Dr Black alledged, were contained false and unfounded assertions & reflections upon the character of this Synod, & being heard at great length in refutation of said assertions and in justification of this Synod; and Dr Dickson being likewise heard at great length in reply; it was unanimously agreed to, on referring to the Synod's minute of 1799, that by the phrase "implicated in treasonable or seditious practices," the Synod did not mean to express anything more than that Dr Dickson & Mr Smyth, two of the persons therein alluded to, had been confined by Government under suspicion of treason or sedition, & that the Synod now attaches no other meaning to that expression, & if that expression has been otherwise understood or applied, the meaning of the Synod has been misconceived. Dr Dickson's narrative

Resolved unanimously, that it is the opinion of this Synod that in the narrative published by Dr Dickson there are a number of gross mistatements & misrepresentations, highly injurious to the reputation of the ministers of this body.

The Synod having thought proper that Dr Dickson should publickly retract his mistatements & misrepresentations, & Dr Dickson having expressed a wish that the Synod should prepare a declaration to that effect, the Synod appoints Messrs John Thomson, James Horner, Samuel Hanna, William Wright, and James Bankhead, to meet this evening and draw up a form of declaration for Dr Dickson to sign.

Sixth Session. Friday Morning, 7 o'clock.

After prayer, the committee appointed to draw up a form of declaration for Dr Dickson's signature, submitted it to the Synod, which after an amendment was approved of, and handed to Dr Dickson for his consideration until next *Sederunt*.

The declaration is as follows :—

From the sense of the duty I owe to myself, to the publick, and especially to the Rev. Synod of Ulster, I feel myself called upon to acknowledge and declare, in the most publick and solemn manner that my publication entitled "a narrative of the confinement & exile of William Steel Dickson, D.D.," contains a number of mistatements & misrepresentations (partly arising from misconception) injurious to the character of the Ministers of this body, & to the Presbyterian cause, and I hope this Rev. Body will now accept my acknowledgments of my deep regret and sincere contrition for having published them.

Adjourned till half-past ten o'clock.

Seventh Session. Half-past ten o'clock, A.M.

Dr Dickson having considered the form of declaration offered to him by the Synod, expressed his determination to decline giving it his signature.

Motion of Suspension

Moved that Dr Dickson be suspended *ab officio*, until he shall publickly retract his mistatements & misrepresentations respecting the ministers of this body, in a manner satisfactory to the Synod.

Postponed

To this motion the following amendment was moved and agreed to, that the consideration of this business be postponed till the meeting of the Synod next year, to allow Dr Dickson an opportunity of publickly retracting his mistatements & misrepresentations.

Thanks to Dr Black

Resolved unanimously that the Synod return Dr Black their hearty thanks for the display of zeal & ability manifested by him in vindicating the honor & character of this body from the aspersions contained in Dr Dickson's narrative & that he be requested to publish his statement in vindication of the ministers of the Synod.

Dr Black was thanked accordingly from the Chair, & promised to comply with the request of the Synod.

Report of the Ballyeaston committee

The committee appointed last year to take charge of and poll the congregation of Ballyeaston reported, that they had polled the congregation according to the order of the Synod, but from the great difficulties of this case, they had thought proper to postpone Mr Butler's ordination, and refer the matter to the Synod.

BILLS.

Ballyeaston

I. Connected with the report a memorial was presented to the Synod by the majority of the Congregation of Ballyeaston, which was rejected on account of the indecency and scurrility of its language.

A memorial was also read from the minority of that congregation.

After hearing the committee at large in accounting for the line of conduct they had thought proper to pursue, & two persons on the part of the majority, & as many on behalf of the minority being appointed to act for their respective parties, the farther consideration of this business was adjourned till to-morrow morning.

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

Eighth Session. Saturday morning, 7 o'clock.

After prayer, Mr Hanna on the part of Mr Butler, the candidate for the congregation of Ballyeaston, signified Mr Butler's intention to resign the call from that Congregation.

The Synod express their great satisfaction at the evidence now given by Mr Butler of his disinterested regard to the peace of that

congregation, and order it to remain under the care of the committee of last year, with the addition of the Rev. John Thomson on account of the dangerous illness of Mr Shaw, one of its members.

The congregation of Ballyeaston is ordered to make out with all convenient speed, a list of such persons or their representatives, as paid stipend to the publick collector at the time of Mr Montgomery's death, and deliver the same to the committee at their fixed meeting in Ballyeaston; and that in case the committee shall find occasion to poll the congregation respecting a candidate, they shall take the votes of such persons only being members, or representatives of members, as above stated, who shall have paid their stipend to the term immediately preceeding the taking of such poll.

The consideration of the conduct of the Presbytery of Templepatrick, on account of the great press of business, is postponed till next year.

II. A memorial was presented to the Synod signed by fifty-eight members of the congregation of Clare, complaining of the conduct of certain disorderly persons in that congregation in shutting the doors of their meeting-house against the Rev. Mr Adams their minister, thereby preventing them from enjoying the benefit of publick worship for more than three months, & praying the interposition of the Synod to have the doors of their meeting-house opened, for the publick worship as usual. Clare

A memorial was also presented from a part of the congregation styling themselves a Synodical majority of the congregation of Clare, expressing their dissatisfaction at the decision of the Presbytery of Armagh, on certain charges brought against Mr Adams, & praying for a re-hearing of said charges before the Synod.

The minutes of the Presbytery of Armagh respecting the whole of this business were read, when the Synod adjourned till eleven o'clock.

Ninth Session. Saturday, eleven o'clock, A.M.

The business respecting the congregation of Clare being resumed and the commissioners from the majority being asked, Were they prepared to deliver the keys of their meeting-house to this Synod? Answered they were not. Whereupon it was resolved that they could not be received as commissioners, & that their memorial be dismissed.

Resolved unanimously, that the proceedings of the Presbytery of Armagh in this affair be highly approved of. Presb. of Armagh

Ordered, that a committee, consisting of the following members, viz, the Rev. Messrs Moore, Patterson, & Morell, with Samuel Allen, and Hugh Whyte Esqrs Elders, be appointed to meet in Armagh on Friday the 17th Inst. at 11 o'clock A.M. then & there to issue every matter in dispute between Mr Adams & the congregation of Clare. Three to be a quorum, of which two at least are to be ministers.

Mr Malcom is ordered to exchange pulpits with Mr Adams on Sunday se'night & read this minute to the congregation. The Presbytery of Armagh are enjoined to attend the meeting of the committee, & give them such information as they may require.

Cavanaleck

III. A memorial from the congregation of Cavanaleck was read, complaining of the Presbytery of Clogher for refusing to hear their charges against the moral character of the Rev. William Johnston their Minister, and praying the advice of the Synod.

Presb. of Clogher rebuked

After hearing the Presbytery of Clogher in explanation of their conduct, it was moved and unanimously agreed to, that the Presbytery of Clogher be rebuked for their very great neglect & inattention to the interests of religion in their proceedings respecting Mr Johnston & the congregation of Cavanaleck.

The presbytery were rebuked by the Moderator accordingly.

Resolved that the following members, viz., Messrs W. Dunlop, J. Gowdy, Guilkie, Hemphill, P. Whyte, Trimble and Harpur, with their Elders, be appointed to meet at Fivemiletown on the Second Tuesday of August next, to enquire into the moral character of the Rev. Wm Johnson of the Presbytery of Clogher, & to do therein as to justice shall appertain. Five to be a quorum, of which two at least are to be ministers.

IV. A supplication from the protestant dissenters of Magilligan praying to be erected into a congregation was presented to the Synod.

After hearing Mr Macurdy, the commissioner who presented this memorial, the Synod, in consequence of the rule which forbids any congregation to be erected at the meeting to which the application for an erection is made, deferred the consideration of this subject till next year, & recommended it to Messrs Rentoul, Greer & Dill, the neighbouring minsters to supply the supplicants with preaching as often as possible.

Mr Ker

V. A memorial from the Rev. Josiah Ker, late minister of Ballee, was read complaining that the Presbytery of Bangor had ordained the Rev. David Whyte to the pastoral charge of that congregation without having first settled Mr Ker's accounts with the congregation, & praying redress.

The Synod refer this affair to the presbytery of Bangor, and recommend it to them to re-examine the accounts and if any money be due to Mr Ker, to have it paid.

Motion postponed

Mr Hanna stated, that at the request of the committee of overtures, he had determined to postpone his motion respecting the society for promoting the conversion of the Jews, until next year.

London Missionary Society

A letter was presented to the Synod from the Rev. Mr Waugh, which was read, when it was unanimously resolved, that this Synod express their approbation of the object of the London Missionary Society, and leave it to the members of this body who may consider it expedient, to invite the Rev. Mr Waugh to explain in their respective places of Worship the views and success of this society & solicit contributions for its support.

INTERLOCUTOR.

A statement of the receipts & payments of his Majesty's bounty, ending the 29th September, 1811, was submitted to the Interlocutor, & found correct and satisfactory.

The Accounts of the Treasurer of the Widows' fund up to 1st October, 1811, were examined & found correct.

The committee for managing the affairs of the Widows' fund for the last year reported, that they had lent £700 of the capital of the Widows' fund to James Galbraith Esqr, on a mortgage of the lands of Langfield, in the county Tyrone. Committee's report

On the report of Dr Black it was ordered that the annuity to be paid the Widows this year be £40. Annuity £40

Mr Malcom withdrew the motion of which he gave notice last year.

Dr Willm Neilson by letter to the Moderator, begged leave to postpone his intended motions till next year.

Dr Black reported, that he had discharged the debts of the Synod and had in his hands a balance of £26 : 2 : 7.

Ordered that Dr Black do lend the balance of the capital of the widows' fund in his hands, on such security as he may deem eligible. Order to Treasurer

Synod concluded with Prayer.

THO. CUMING, Clerk G.S.

Inserted Nov. 13th 1812.

A General Synod at Cookstown June 29th, 1813.

The Rev. Thomas Makay, the Moderator, opened this Synod by preaching from Ephesians ii, 20: then constituted it by prayer: after which were present from the several Presbyteries, the following members, viz., from :—

Minrs.	Elders.
Monaghan Presbytery.	
James Morell	
James Gibson	
Patrick Whyte	
James Harpur	
Robert Winning	
Robert Campbell	Andw. Boyle
Tyrone Presbytery.	
Dr. Dickson	George Kidd
James Whiteside	
William Moore	James Smith
Tho. Makay	Hugh White
John Davidson	Adam Lynn
John Cowan	John McCormick
Moses Chambers	
Robt. Hogg	James Lawson
David Bennett	
Wm. Brown	Geo. Ferguson
Robert Cunningham	
Armagh Presbytery.	
Thomas Cuming	
James Bankhead	Wm. Heron
Dr. Wm. Neilson	
Andw. G. Malcom	
Robert Adams	
Paul Boreland	
Strabane Presbytery.	
William Dunlop	
Charles Hemphill	
Willm. Porter	Hugh Boyle
Wm. Macrea	
John McFarlane	
Samuel Armar	
Derry Presbytery.	
Dr. Black	
Hugh Brooke	Wm. Cuthbertson
Henry Elder	
Richard Dill	
David Hamilton	

Minrs.	Elders.
Derry Presbytery—continued.	
James Allison	
William Monteith	
John Mitchel	John Kidd
George Hay	
James Johnston	
Templepatrick Presbytery.	
Robert Orr	
Robert Thomson	
Thomas Alexander	
Robert Campbell	James Blow
Nath. Alexander	Tho. Hunter
Alexr. Montgomery	
Henry Cook	Andw. Thomson
William Glendy	
Dromore Presbytery.	
James Birch	
John Thomson	Robt. Lewis
John McCance	
Alexr. Patterson	
John McIlwain	
Ham. Dobbin	Joseph Boyd
William Wright	
Moses Finlay	
Wm. Magowan	
James Black	
Wm. McEwen	Alexr. McEwen
James McClelland	
Belfast Presbytery.	
Samuel Hanna	James Munfoad
Henry Simson	
James McCullogh	Tho. Moore
Bangor Presbytery.	
Andrew Craig	
Robt. Acheson	John Haslet
John Mulligan	
Hugh Woods	Hen. Andrews
Henry Montgomery	
David White	Edward Prenter
William Skelly	

Minrs.	Elders.
Dublin Presbytery.	
James Horner	
John Baird	
Ballimena Presbytery.	
Robert Christie	Sam. Cunningham
Henry Henry	Robt. Malcom
John Smyth	
Robert Stewart	
Wm. Waughope	John Patrick
Letterkenny Presbytery.	
Henry Millar	
John Holmes	
William Ramsay	
William Huston	
Joseph Lytle	
Sam. Cuthbertson	
Edward Reid	
James Marshal	
John Gillespie	
Clogher Presbytery.	
Andw. Millar	Hen. Carson
James Ker	
William Johnston	
James Hall	

Minrs.	Elders.
Clogher Presbytery—continued.	
John Samson	
James Philips	
John Anderson	
Root Presbytery.	
Robert Rentoul	
James Elder	
Matth. Elder	
James Brown	
Fras. Dill	Alexr. Millar
Saml. Dill	
Chas. Kenedy	Tho. Smith
James Boyle	
John Whiteside	Wm. Guiler
Solomon Brown	
Richard Dill	
James Huey	
Synod's Committee.	
Saml. Elder	Jas. Agnew
Elders from vacant Congregations &c.	
John Kenedy	
John Graham	
John Lockhart	
Samuel Allen	
Samuel Butler	

Mr Makay having moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, the following brethren were named, viz,, Messrs Morell, Cowan, Malcom, McFarlane, Brooke, Orr, McCance, McCullogh, Craig, Christie, Reid, Hall, & Jas. Elder.

The Roll was called, & Mr Morell chosen. Mr Morell Moderator

Mr Cuming continued Clerk.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, & to prepare lists to be given to the Clerk to-morrow morning, of their members for the several committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, and General Synod's fixed committee. An account of such ministers as have died, been ordained, or installed: of such candidates as have been licensed or entered on trials since last general Synod; of such students as have been examined previous to their going to & after their return from College, by their respective presbyteries, and such other returns as our regulations require :—An account of annuitants on the fund, of any that have died; of the time when such did die: also of such women in their bounds as have been wives of ministers, and are not on the fund. Order to Presbyteries

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

Second Session. Wednesday morning ten o'clock.

After prayer, returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their members for the several committees, also the following reports:—

1 ordained

Monaghan Presbytery report, that they ordained on the 8th December 1812, the Rev. Robert Campbell as assistant and successor to the Rev. Thomas Stewart, in the congregation of Coothill. Mr Campbell is a subscriber to the Widows' fund. That they examined Messrs Wm and James White, Thomas Kenedy, & John Gray previous to their going to college for the first time, and William White & Tho. Kenedy on their return. That they have on the fund, Mrs Warnock, Smyth, Montgomery, Whiteside, Moore & Rogers who resides in Dublin.

6 Widows

Tyrone Presbytery report, that on the 4th of August last they licensed Messrs James and William Fleming to preach the Gospel, and that on the 13th of October they examined Messrs Thomas, William & George Smith, & Robert Clarke previous to their going to college for the first time; that on the 4th of May last they admitted on first trials Messrs James Collins, Robert Park & Robert Lyle. Have on the fund Mrs Stitt, Adams, Boylan, Dougal, Simson & family of Mr Stewart.

5 Widows & 1 family

1 Died

Armagh Presbytery report, that Mr Shaw died on the 4th of July last leaving a family. They have on first trials Messrs Jenkins & Kenedy, & have examined Mr Wilson on his return from college the first time. Have on the fund Mrs Thom and family of Mr Shaw. Not on the fund Mrs Moody.

1 Widow
1 Family

Strabane Presbytery report, that they entered on first trials Mr Saml Matthews. That they examined John Davis previous to his going to college the third time & William Love previous to his going the first time. That they licensed Mr John Moore on the first of November last. That on the 7th December last they ordained Mr Samuel Armar, as assistant & successor to Mr Anderson, in the united congregation of Drumquin & Pettigo, who is a contributor to the Widows' fund: And that Mr Anderson died on the 27th of December last leaving a Widow and family. Have on the fund Mrs Turbitt, Hamil & Anderson.

1 ordained

3 Widows

Templepatrick Presbytery report, that they examined William Hood on his return from college the second time, and Samuel Eccles on his return the third time: That they admitted on first trials William Baird. They ordained the Rev. Mr Glendy in the congregation of Broad-island as assistant & successor to the Rev. Mr Bankhead, on the 30th of July last, who is a contributor to the Widows' fund. That Mrs Dunbar died on the 25th Inst. That they have on the fund Mrs White, Gibson & Montgomery.

1 Ordained

3 Widows

Derry Presbytery report, that they have licensed Messrs John & Henry Kidd, & Wm Makay. That they have examined Mr Robert Thomson previous to his going to college. That they have on the fund Mrs Walker, Patten, Scott, Law, and family of Mr Kyle.

4 Widows
1 Family

Dromore Presbytery report, that Mr James McClelland was ordained at Ballinahinch on the 25th of August last, as assistant & successor to his father Mr John McClelland; he subscribed the Westminster confession of faith, & is a subscriber to the Widows' fund. Mr Turretine, who has been for some time under first trials before the Presbytery, has not latterly attended their meetings, & they cannot at present say anything determinate concerning him. Joseph Lyttle & William McCance were examined previous to their going to college the first time, & David Watson, James Gardiner, William Scott, & Wm Adair, previous to their going to College a second time. They have the following widows on the fund, Mrs Hay, Thomson & daughter, Magee & Barber. 1 ordained 4 Widows

Belfast Presbytery report, that they have licensed to preach the Gospel, Messrs Saml Simson & Henry Coulter, who subscribed the Westminster Confession of faith. That they have on first trials Mr Willm Harrison. That they examined and received the necessary specimens from Messrs Cochran, Harrison, Hutton, Mayne, McCormick, Johnston, & James & Alexr Heron after their return from college. That they examined Mr John Orr, previous to his going to College for the first time. That the Rev. John Walker having voluntarily acknowledged his offence, & expressed his sincere contrition, was publickly rebuked for antenuptial fornication, and the Presbytery followed this censure by the adoption of other measures which they deemed necessary for promoting the interests of religion, the respectability of this church, and the welfare of Mr Walker's congregation. Have on the fund Mrs Kenedy, McEwen, Rowan, Kelburn, Henry & family of Mr Patten. Mrs Malcom died on the 24th of February last. 5 Widows 1 Family

Against sustaining that part of this report which relates to Mr Walker, Mr Richard Dill and others protested & promised to assign their reasons in due time. Protest

Bangor Presbytery report, that on the 15th of September, 1812, they ordained Mr William Skelly in the Congregation of Donaghadee. He is a contributor to the Widows' fund. That they have on first trials Messrs James Purss and Henry Adams. That they examined Messrs David Thom, Robert Dunn and Adam Millar previous to their going to college the first time. Have on the fund Mrs Jackson, Hull now in America, Patterson, Porter, Cochran, and Arnold. 1 ordained 6 Widows

Dublin Presbytery report, that on the 4th of May last they ordained the Rev. James Carlisle as assistant to the Rev. Dr McDowel and successor to the second ministerial charge in the congregation of Mary's Abbey, when it shall become vacant. Mr Carlisle adhered to his former subscription of the Westminster Confession of faith, & declared his intention of being a Contributor to the Widows' fund. That the Rev. William McEwen resigned his pastoral charge of the congregation of Usher's Quay on the 30th June Inst. They have on the fund Mrs Caldwell and Wilson. 1 ordained 1 resigned 2 Widows

Ballimena Presbytery report, that the Rev. Robert Scott died on the 17th of April last leaving neither Widow nor family: That they have entered on first trials Messrs Wm Craig & Matthew Adams: examined

Messrs Boyd & Anderson after returning from college the second time : And have on the fund Mrs Lyndsay, Cuming, Howard, Brown, and the families of Douglas & Hamilton.

4 Widows
2 families

Letterkenny Presbytery report, that they have on first trials John McElheney & John Ray. Have on the fund Mrs Delap, Burke, Allen, & the families of Alexander & Love.

3 Widows
2 families

Clogher Presbytery report, that the Rev. James Davidson died on the 3^d of February last, leaving a family. That they examined Messrs John Hamilton & Archibald Armstrong, previous to their going to college the first time, & also on their return. That they have on the fund Mrs Moorehead, and the family of Mr Davidson.

1 Widow
1 Family

Root Presbytery report, that they licensed to preach the Gospel according to Synodical regulations, Messrs Saml Hill, Benjamin Jameson, Jackson Graham, W^m McClenaghan, John Brown, Tho. Campbell, & John Greer. That on the first of December last they ordained the Rev. James Huey as assistant and successor to the Rev. Robert Thomson in the congregation of Ballywillan; he subscribed the Westminster confession of faith, & became a contributor to the Widows' fund. They have entered on first trials Messrs Henry Haslett, Robert Anderson, & William Johnston. That the Rev. Tho. Greer died on the 15th of December last & the Rev. Archibald Fullerton on the 1st of Jany. last, both leaving widows and families. Have on the fund Mrs Gaston, Smilie, Hamilton, Elder, Davis, McMillan, Glasgo, Blair, Greer, & Fullerton.

1 Ordained

2 Died

10 Widows

Antrim Presbytery report, that they have on the fund Mrs Crombie, Vance, Nevin, & Sinclair.

4 Widows

General Synod's fixed Committee for the year 1813.

Presbs.		Minrs.
Monaghan,	Messrs	White & Harpur
Tyrone,	,,	Makay & Davidson
Armagh,	,,	Malcom & Maclaine
Strabane,	,,	McFarlane & Guilkie
T.Patrick,	,,	Orr and Cook
Derry,	,,	Hay & Johnston
Dromore,	,,	McCance & McIlwaine
Belfast,	,,	Blakely & Riddle
Bangor,	,,	Woods & Montgomery

Presbs.		Minrs.
Dublin,	,,	Horner & Baird
B.mena,	,,	Waughope & McClelland
L.Kenny,	,,	Huston & Cuthbertson
Clogher,	,,	Samson & Ker
Root,	,,	M. Elder & Huey

These with an Elder from each Presbytery, & our Moderator & Clerk are to meet at Cookstown when called by the Moderator on any emergency: Fifteen to be a Quorum, of whom twelve at least are to be Ministers.

Adjourned. Committees to meet immediately. Open Synod at two o'clock.

Third Session. Wednesday, 2 o'clock, P.M.

Synod to meet at Cookstown

Cookstown & Belfast were put in nomination as places of the Synod's meeting next year. The Roll was called& Cookstown carried. The meeting to take place on the last Tuesday in June next. Divine Service to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

Mr Munfoad reported that £42 : 16 : 3½, being the sum in the hands of the Synod's late Bible Society, has been handed over to the Hibernian Bible Society, according to the instructions of the Synod at its last meeting.

Bible societies

Mr Hanna reported that the recommendation of the last Synod in favour of extending the Societies in connection with the Belfast branch of the Hibernian Bible Society, had been attended with the happiest effects.

Code of discipline

Mr John Thomson, on the part of the committee appointed to prepare a code of discipline for the government of this church, read an outline of a plan for that purpose, which the committee for want of time, had not been able to complete.

Resolved that this Synod entertain a strong sense of the zeal and ability with which the committee have taken up & prosecuted so far as they have gone, the business committed to their care: that they instruct the committee to proceed in this most necessary work, & that the code of discipline be preceded by a form of Presbyterian church Government.

The Presbytery of Clogher having made their report respecting the united congregation of Sligo & Ballymote, the Synod are of opinion that the circumstances of that congregation do not warrant a dissolution of the Union & that Mr Scott's publick ministerial services be equally divided between Sligo & Ballymote.

Dr Dickson

On reading the minute of last year respecting Dr Dickson, Mr Porter signified his intention of moving that the entire minute shall be rescinded; but in order to come to his purpose with more effect, he intended to move separately on certain points pending between Dr Dickson & the members of this Synod. Accordingly, adverting to the first of Dr Black's charges against Dr Dickson, he moved that the Synod of 1799 acted inconsiderately in declaring, without enquiry & without evidence, that two members of their body, then in confinement, "were implicated in treasonable or seditious practices."

This motion was opposed as being out of order, and after a tedious discussion, its further consideration was deferred till the next sederunt.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 7 o'clock.

Fourth Session. Thursday morning at 7 o'clock.

Previous question negatived

After prayer, the debate on Mr Porter's motion was resumed, when after a long discussion, the previous question was put & negatived. Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

Fifth Session. Thursday morning 10 o'clock.

Amendment negatived

After prayer, the discussion on Mr Porter's motion was resumed, & the following amendment moved, that after the word "that" the remaining words of the original motion be omitted, and the following substituted in their place: "it is not expedient to proceed further in the business respecting Dr Dickson." On the call of the roll this amendment was negatived, after which the motion, with the consent of the mover & seconder, was thus amended, "that in the minute of 1799, the phrase 'implicated in treasonable or seditious practices,' as applied to two of its members then in confinement, was inaccurately used, inasmuch as it appears to be liable to an unfavourable construction respecting them." On the call of the Roll, the motion thus amended was carried.

Amendment carried

Moved that this Synod regrets that the Synod of 1805 dismissed, without an answer, a memorial presented to them by Dr Dickson, requiring them to declare whether the expression "implicated in treasonable or seditious practices" in the minute of 1799, alluded to him, & if so, what was the meaning attached to it. The Roll was called & the motion carried.

Against these two resolutions Mr Wright & several other members signified their intention of protesting, & assigning their reasons in due time.

Synod adjourned with prayer, till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

Sixth Session. Friday Morning, 7 o'clock.

After prayer, it was moved that an insinuation against the Synod contained in a book lately published by Dr Dickson entitled "a

narrative, &c." of having from motives of hostility to him & his present congregation of Keady, wilfully neglected their interests in the late arrangement of bounty is unfounded.

In the course of the debate on this motion, John Haslet an elder from the 4th Congregation of Belfast, having asserted, that the portion of bounty, intended by Government for the newly erected congregation of Keady, had been given to pay the Synod's Clerk in 1805, & he believed he could prove it; it was unanimously resolved, that the above assertion is a gross and unfounded calumny against the Agent for the distribution of his Majesty's bounty, & the Synod.

Moved & seconded, that the name of John Haslet be expunged from the Roll of this Synod. On the call of the roll, this motion was carried by a great Majority. John Haslet's name expunged from the Synod's Roll

Adjourned till half-past ten o'clock.

Seventh Session. Half-past 10 *o'clock, A.M.*

The discussion of the motion of the last sederunt respecting Dr Dickson's insinuation against the Synod being resumed the following amendment was moved that after the word "that" the remaining words of the motion be left out, & the following substituted in their place: "That the Synod as a body had not the means of informing the Congregation of Keady, why they were not included in the negotiation for bounty in 1803, but that this Synod is ready to aid a memorial to Government, that that congregation may be included in the bounty list." Amendment

This amendment on the call of the roll was negatived. negatived

The original motion was then agreed to.

Moved & unanimously agreed to, that an assertion made by Dr Dickson, in his "Narrative," "that during his confinement, a motion was made in Synod & supported by certain members for suspending him from the ministerial office" is unfounded.

Moved & unanimously agreed to, that a complaint made by Dr Dickson in the same publication against the ministers of this body, for having excluded him from being a contributor to the Widows' fund," is unfounded.

Moved that a charge preferred at our last meeting, by Dr Black & Mr Thomson of Carnmoney against Dr Dickson, of having grossly violated truth & decency, in the account given by him of a discussion which took place at the meeting of Synod in the year 1799 relative to the exclusion of Mrs Porter from the Widows' fund, has not been substantiated.

On this motion the previous question was put and carried. Previous Question

Against the previous question on this motion, Mr Porter & others signified their intention to protest & to assign their reasons in due time. Notice of Protest

Moved that this Synod does not consider itself responsible for the Book published since our last meeting by Dr Black, entitled "Substance &c."

Motion withdrawn

Dr Black rose and declared that he took the whole responsibility of that publication on himself, on which the motion was withdrawn.

Ordered that a copy of the three resolutions respecting Dr Dickson be given him for his consideration, till to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

Ballyeaston

The committee appointed to take charge of the congregation of Ballyeaston reported that the Rev. Sam. Elder had been ordained on the 23d ultimo as stated pastor of that Congregation, & that complete harmony had been happily restored.

T. Patrick

Resolved that the Presbytery of Templepatrick did not act incorrectly with respect to the congregation of Ballyeaston.

Mr Johnston

The committee appointed to enquire into the moral conduct of the Rev. Mr Johnston reported that the charges against Mr Johnston's character had been withdrawn, & that the committee considered the the business as issued.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at six o'clock.

Eighth Session. Saturday morning 6 *o'clock.*

After prayer, Mr Hanna begged leave to postpone his intended motion respecting the conversion of the Jews till next year.

Belfast Academical Institution

Mr John Thomson presented a letter from the manager and visitors of the Belfast academical institution, referring to a former letter to the Synod.

Resolved, that this Synod is ready to confer with the Belfast Academical institution on the best means of promoting its interests, & for this purpose appoint a Committee consisting of the following members, viz., Messrs J. Thomson, A. Malcom, R. Acheson, Dr W. Neilson, N. Alexander, Jno. Whiteside, W. Moore, W. Dunlop, S. Hanna, T. Alexander, R. Stewart, W. Porter, A. Millar, R. Hogg, Jas Bankhead and G. Hay, to meet the managers in Belfast, on the second Wednesday in August next. The Moderator is ordered to communicate this minute to the board of managers.

A memorial from certain Students in Glasgow College was received & referred to the above committee to be reported on at our next meeting.

OVERTURE.

The following declaration was agreed to, & ordered to be published.

That however reluctant we may be to obtrude our political sentiments on the attention of the publick, we feel ourselves called on, at this time, explicitly to avow our unshaken attachment to the principles

of the British constitution, an attachment inculcated by our fathers and confirmed by our own observation & experience.

Sensible of the blessings of that civil & religious liberty which we enjoy, we cannot be uninterested Spectators of the exertions which are made to extend them to all our fellow-subjects. Actuated by the spirit of the Gospel, which teaches us to promote "peace on earth & good-will towards men," and earnestly desirous that this benevolent spirit should be cherished by the people under our care, we consider it our duty to declare, that from the abolition of political distinctions on account of rellgious profession, so far as may be consistent with the principles of the constitution, we anticipate the happiest consequences. Hence we conceive would arise a union of interest, the firmest bond of society, and a sense of gratitude, the sure ground of fidelity & attachment; while the baneful operation of party spirit would be restrained, & the pretext removed which selfish & designing men employ to agitate & pervert the publick mind.

BILLS.

I. A supplication was presented from certain members of the congregation of Ballykelly, Drumboe, & Drumacose returning their grateful thanks to the Synod for their attention to their petition last year, & praying to be erected into a separate congregation. New erection

This supplication is unanimously granted, and the congregation put under the care of the Presbytery of Root.

Adjourned till ten o'clock.

Ninth Session. Saturday, ten o'clock, A.M.

II. A supplication was presented to the Synod from that part of the congregation of Clare, which adhered to Mr Adams & the Synod, stating that the refractory members of the congregation continued to exclude Mr Adams from the meeting-house & had called in Seceders, who had supplied & continue to supply that part of the congregation with preaching. Supplicants pray the interposition of the Synod to put Mr Adams in possession of his Meeting-house. Clare

A supplication was also presented from 81 members of said congregation declaring their unwillingness to connect themselves with the Seceders, & praying the disannexion of Mr Adams from the congregation as the only means of restoring peace, & preserving the congregation under the care of the Synod.

After hearing the Commissioners, Mr Adams & the Presbytery of Armagh, it was unanimously resolved, that this congregation shall be put under the care of a committee of the General Synod, & that the committee may allow the people to invite a probationer on trial; and if elected, may ordain him as Assistant & Successor to Mr Adams. The congregation to be informed that an assistant Minister is to be granted them, provided the friends to order & discipline in that place put under the care of a Committee of the Synod

will submit respectfully to the Authority of the Synod, & give their countenance & aid to the Ministers sent there by this body.

Names of the committee, Sam[l] Hanna, W[m] Wright, John M[c]Cance, W[m] Magowan, David Bennet, Moses Finlay, John Johnston.

Dr Dickson's Apology

D[r] Dickson having been heard at considerable length on the subject of the resolutions given to him yesterday, handed a paper to the Clerk, as his apology & explanation.

disapproved of

Resolved, that this Synod disapprove of what D[r] Dickson has offered as an Apology ; but that under all the circumstances, they dismiss this subject, & order said paper to be returned to D[r] Dickson.

Notice of protest

Against this resolution M[r] Wright & others signified their intention of protesting, & of assigning their reasons in due time.

III. A memorial was presented to the Synod from the congregation of Ballyeaston, requesting to be taken from under the care of the Presbytery of Templepatrick & put under the care of the Presbytery of Belfast.

Ordered that the Congregation of Ballyeaston remain under the care of the Synod's committee for the present year.

M[r] Josiah Ker, in consequence of his application to the Synod, is disannexed from the Presbytery of Bangor & put under the care of the Presbytery of Armagh.

Protest

Reasons of protest against sustaining the report of the Belfast Presbytery respecting M[r] Walker.

We whose names are subjoined protest for the following reasons, viz :—

1st. Because a minister of the Gospel to be useful, must be "blameless."

2[d] Because M[r] Walker's confession & marriage of the woman cannot, from the circumstances in which he stood, be regarded as satisfactory evidence of genuine repentance.

3[d] Because the censure appears to bear no suitable proportion to the magnitude of the offence, & is not agreeable to the usage or discipline of this body.

4th Because it establishes a precedent which is dangerous to the interests of religion & morality in general & in particular cherishes a spirit of resistance to the exercise of discipline in our congregations.

Richard Dill	Francis Dill
Samuel Dill	W[m] Magowan
Richard Dill Jun[r] for 1st, 3rd, & 4th, reasons	R. Rentoul
Henry Cook for do. do. do.	Hugh White Elder.

Protest against the previous question in the case of Mrs Porter. Protest

We the undersigned members of Synod protest against the foregoing decision, for the following reasons.

1st. Because the moving of the previous question in this case, when the merits of the original motion had been only partly entered into, appears to us an infringement on the right on free discussion.

2d. Because we are now convinced that what Dr Dickson has stated in his "Narrative" on this subject is substantially true, though perhaps in one unimportant point, not literally correct—inasmuch as it hath appeared from incontrovertible testimony, that an animated discussion did take place, not only in 1799, but in the year preceding, relative to the exclusion of Mrs Porter from the list of annuitants on the Widows' fund; and also from a letter from a member of this body read by Dr Black, in opposition to the original motion, which letter contains a statement to this affect, that "it was thought unnecessary to *put* the *question*," thus admitting that the observations which introduced the affair, were considered as *equivalent* to a motion.

Ministers	Ministers	Elders
William Porter	John Smith	Sam. Cunningham
H. Montgomery	R. Stewart for 1st reason	Robert Malcom
John Mulligan	W. Waughope for do.	Willm Guiler
Hugh S. Woods	W. D. H. McEwen for do.	George Kidd
Robt Acheson	J. A. Johnston	Adam Lynd
Hen. Henry	Robert Christie	James Blow
David Whyte	William Glendy	Tho. Hunter
Tho. Alexander	John Baird	John Kenedy
Willm Dunlop	Ham. Dobbin	John Patrick
N. Alexander	Robert Campbell	James Agnew
Robert Thomson	Alexr Montgomery	

INTERLOCUTOR.

A statement of the receipts and payments of his Majesty's bounty, ending the 29th September last, was submitted to the Interlocutor & found correct & satisfactory.

The accounts of the treasurer of the Widows fund up to the 1st of October 1812 were examined & found correct.

Dr Wm Neilson begged leave to postpone his intended motions till next year.

Dr Black reported that he had lent the balance, in his hands, of the capital of the Widows' fund, to William Todd Esq., & John McIlwain.

Ordered, that Dr Black do lend the balance of the capital of said fund, now in his hands, on such security as he may deem eligible.

Ordered that the annuity to be paid the widows this year be £40.

Instruction to Treasurer of W. Fund

On the representation of Dr Black he is instructed to pay £20, one moiety of said annuity, so soon after the 1st of April next, as he may have sufficient funds in his hands.

Notice of a Motion

Mr Boyle gave notice that he will move at the meeting of the Interlocutor next year, that the annual subscription of the contributors to the Widows' fund be encreased from two to three pounds.

Synod concluded with prayer.

THO. CUMING, Clerk of Gen. Synod.

Inserted August 3^{d} 1813.

A General Synod at Cookstown, the 28th June 1814.

The Rev. James Morell, the Moderator, opened this Synod by preaching from 2 Kings 10. 16: then constituted it by prayer: after which were present from the several presbyteries the following members, viz., from :—

Minrs.	Elders.
Tyrone Presbytery.	
Dr. Dickson	
William Moore	Tho. Sloan
John Davidson	John Young
John Cowan	John Campbell
William Brown	
Robert Cunningham	
James Wilson	Wm. Dunlop
Robert Allen	Hen. Hunter
Armagh Presbytery.	
Dr. Neilson	
Thomas Cuming	
James Bankhead	
Dr. Wm. Neilson	
Andw. G. Malcom	
Robert Adams	Archd. Aston
James Davis	Wm. Graham
Strabane Presbytery.	
William Dunlop	
William Porter	
David Guilkie	
John McFarlane	
Derry Presbytery.	
Dr. Black	
George Hay	
James Johnston	
Templepatrick Presbytery.	
Robert Orr	
Robert Campbell	
Nathl. Alexander	John Mairs
Henry Cook	Wm. Baird
Dromore Presbytery.	
John Thomson	Robt. Lewis
James McIlwain	
Hamilton Dobbin	
William Wright	John Hanna
William Magowan	
Dromore Presbytery—continued.	
John Johnston	Hugh Lockhart
James McClelland	
John White	Gilbert Cromie
Belfast Presbytery.	
Henry Simson	
James McCullogh	
James Riddle	
Fletcher Blakely	
Bangor Presbytery.	
Robert Acheson	
John Mulligan	
Hugh Woods	
Hen. Montgomery	
William Skelly	
Dublin Presbytery.	
John Baird	
Ballymena Presbytery.	
Tho. Henry	
Henry Henry	John Brownlees
John Hall	
Robert Stewart	
Matthew Elder	
George McClelland	John Smith
William Waughope	
Letterkenny Presbytery.	
Edward Reid	
John Gillespie	
John Allen	
Tho. Kernaghan	
Clogher Presbytery.	
James Ker	
John Samson	
James Philips	
John Anderson	

Minrs.	Elders.
Roote Presbytery.	
James Elder	
Daniel McKee	
Sol. Brown	Wm. McKelvy
Wm. Lyle	Wm. Ker
Monaghan Presbytery.	
Joseph Denham	
Henry McIlree	
James Morell	

Minrs.	Elders.
Monaghan Presbytery—continued.	
James Gibson	
James Harpur	
Robert Winning	
Synod's Committee	
Samuel Elder	John Allen
Elder from Brigh	Oliver Junk

Mr Morell having moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, the following brethren were named, viz. Messrs McCullogh, Cunningham, Malcom, McFarlane, Hay, Campbell, McIlwain, Woods, Baird, Stewart Reid, Anderson, Elder & Harpur.

Mr Hay Modr

The Roll was called & Mr Hay chosen.

Mr Cuming continued Clerk.

Order to Presbyteries

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, & to prepare lists to be given to the Clerk to-morrow morning, of their members for the several committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, & Gen. Synod's fixed committee. An account of such Ministers as have died, been ordained, or installed; of such candidates as have been licensed, or entered on trials, since last Gen. Synod; & of such students as have been examined previous to their going to and after their return from College by their respective presbyteries; & such other returns as our regulations require:—An account of Annuitants on the fund; of any that have died; & of the time when such did die.

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Second Session, Wednesday morning, 10 *o'clock.*

After prayer, returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their members for the several committees, also the following reports.

Tyrone Presbytery report, that on the 3d of August last they licensed Messrs John Harkness, William Lyle, James & John Patterson, to preach the Gospel. That the Rev. Mr Chambers died on the 20th of August last, leaving a widow & family. That on the 24th September last they ordained the Rev. James Wilson in the congregation of Maherafelt, & on the 7th Inst. the Rev. Robert Allen in the congregation of Stewartstown, who are both contributors to the widows' fund. That on the 12th of October last they examined Messrs Geo. Smith, Wm Brown, Robert Clark, & Robt Creighton, previous to their going to College for the first time. Have on trials Messrs John Hogg, Walker Gourley, John Gibson, John Adams, James Collins, Robert Park, &

1 died

2 Ordained

Robert Lyle. They have on the fund Mrs Stitt, Adams, Boylan, Dougal, Simson, Chambers, & family of Mr Stewart. 7 Annuitants

Armagh Presbytery report, that they ordained the Rev. James Davis in the congregation of Banbridge on the 23d of March last, who is a contributor to the widows' fund. That they have on first trials Messrs Kenedy & Jenkins. Have on the fund, Mrs Thom and the family of Mr Shaw. 1 Ordained 2 Annuitants

Strabane Presbytery report, that they have entered on first trials Mr John Davis, and have on the fund Mrs Turbitt, Hamill & Anderson. 3 Annuitants

Derry Presbytery report, that the Rev. James Knox died on the 21st of November last, leaving neither widow nor family. They have on the fund Mrs Walker, Patten, Scott, Law, & family of Mr Kyle. 1 died 5 Annuitants

Templepatrick Presbytery report, that they have on first trials Messrs Wm Baird, Samuel Eccles, and David Davidson. That Mr Reid died on the 25th of February last leaving neither widow nor family, & that they have on the fund Mrs White, Gibson, and Montgomery. 1 died 3 Annuitants

Dromore Presbytery report, that they installed the Rev. Wm D. H. McEwen at Killyleagh on the 17th of August, & ordained Mr John Whyte at Rathfriland on the 21st of September last. They both subscribed the Westminster Confession of Faith according to order. Mr White is a contributor to the widows' fund. Dr Little, late minister of Killyleagh, died in the month of July last leaving a widow & family. They have licensed Mr James Turretine since last meeting, who subscribed the Westminster confession of faith. Have entered on first trials Messrs Samuel Nicholson, William Dickson, and James Thomson. Messrs McAulay, Carson, Crozier, & Carlisle, were examined in October last, previous to their going to College for the first time. Have on the fund Mrs Hay who lives in the county of Donegall, Mrs Thomson & daughter, Mrs Magee, Barber, & Little. 1 Installed 1 Ordained 1 died 5 Annuitants

Belfast Presbytery report, that they licensed Mr William Harrison to preach the Gospel, who subscribed the Westminster Confession of faith. That they have entered on first trials Mr James Cochran. That they examined & received the necessary specimens from Messrs Harrison, Hutton, Mayne, McCormick, Orr, James & Alexander Heron, after their return from college for the first time. That the Rev. Charles Gray resigned the pastoral charge of the congregation of Castlereagh on the 16th of March, and was at the same time suspended *ab officio sine die*, for drunkenness & neglect of duty. That they have suspended until this meeting of Synod, the Rev. John Walker for solemnising the rite of marriage between Philip Savage Esq., & Mrs Arnold, neither of them members of his congregation, but both of Donaghadee, the lawful wife of Mr Savage being still alive. The Presbytery do now request the advice of the Synod, as to what further steps they shall take in Mr Walker's case. They have on the fund Mrs Kennedy, McEwen, Rowan, Kelburn, Henry & family of Mr Patten. 2 Suspended 6 Annuitants

Bangor Presbytery report, that on the 22d of September last, they ordained the Rev. Mr Campbell in the congregation of Clough, as

assistant & successor to the Rev. Robert Porter, & that he expressed his desire to become a contributor to the widows' fund. That they licensed Messrs James Purss and Henry Andrews to preach the Gospel. That they have examined Messrs Robt Stevenson, David Thom, & Robert Dunn on their return from college; and Hugh Greenfield previous to his going to college the first time. Have on the fund Mrs Hull now in America, Patterson, Bryson, Porter, Cochran & Arnold.

6 Annuitants

2 Annuitants

Dublin Presbytery report, that they have on the fund Mrs Rogers, Wilson & Cochran.

Ballimena Presbytery report, that they licensed to preach the gospel, Mr Wm Craig on the 10th of August, & Mr Matthew Adams on the 8th of February last. They examined Mr Marshal Moore previous to his going to college the first time, & after his return: also Messrs Boyd & Anderson after returning from college the third time. The Rev. David Park died on the 10th of March last, leaving a widow & family. Have on the fund Mrs Lyndsay, Cuming, Howard, Brown, & the families of Douglas & Hamilton.

1 died

6 Annuitants

Letterkenny Presbytery report, that they have licensed to preach the Gospel John McIlheney, & John Wray: have on first trials Messrs Clark & Hamilton; have examined previous to their going to and after their return from college, Messrs Bates, Allison & Rogers; and previous to his going to college, James Seaton Reid. Have on the fund Mrs Delap, Allen, & the families of Alexander & Love.

5 Annuitants

Clogher Presbytery report, that they examined George Taylor previous to his going to college for the first time, and John Hamilton & Archibald Armstrong, on their return the second time. Mrs Charleton died on the 23^{d} of February last. Have on the fund Mrs Moorhead.

Annuitants
1 died
1 on the fund

Roote Presbytery report, that on the 14th of December last. they ordained the Rev. John Brown to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Aghadooey; and on the 7th Inst, the Rev. Mr Lyle to that of Dunbo. They both subscribed the W. Confession of Faith & are contributors to the Widows' fund. Have on first trials Henry Haslet, Robt Anderson, Wm Johnston, Hugh Hamill, Samuel Templeton & James Lynd. On second trials the Rev. Jackson Graham. The Rev. Hugh McClelland died in the beginning of Octr last leaving a widow & family. Have on the fund Mrs Gaston, Smilie, Hamilton, Elder, Davis, McMullan, Glasgo, Blair, Greer, lately married a second time having children by her former husband, Fullerton & McClelland.

2 Ordained

1 died

11 Annuitants

Monaghan Presbytery report, that they examined John Agnew, Andrew Breakey & William Kenedy, previous to their going to college the first time, & William Whyte on his return from college the second time. Have on the fund Mrs Warnock, Smith, Montgomery, Whiteside, Moore, & Rogers who resides in Dublin.

6 Annuitants

2 died

Antrim Presbytery report, that Mr Wightman died on the 2^{d} of July last, leaving a family, & Mr Marshal in October last also leaving a family. That they ordained the Rev. William Heron in the congregation of Ballyclare, on the 21st of December, and the Rev. Saml H.

2 Ordained

Sloane in the congregation of Holywood on the 12th of April last, both are subscribers to the Widows' fund. Have on the fund Mrs Crombie, Vance, Nevin, Sinclair, & families of Messrs Wightman & Marshal. 6 Annuitants

General Synod's fixed committee for the year 1814.

Presbs.		Minrs.
Tyrone,	Messrs	Hogg & Allen
Armagh,	,,	Bankhead & Davis
Strabane,	,,	McCrea & McFarlane
Derry,	,,	Mitchel & Johnston
Templepatrick,	,,	Orr & Alexander
Dromore,	,,	Thomson & McIlwain
Belfast,	,,	Watson & Hanna
Bangor,	,,	Woods & Montgomery
Dublin,	,,	Horner & Baird
Ballymena,	,,	McClelland & Waughope
Letterkenny,	,,	J. Huston & Nelson
Clogher,	,,	Samson & Stephenson
Roote,	,,	Solomon Brown
Monaghan,	,,	Denham & Harpur

These with and Elder from each presbytery, our Moderator & Clerk, are to mee at Cookstown when called by the Moderator on any emergency; Fifteen to be a Quorum, of whom twelve at least are to be Ministers.

Adjourned. Committees to meet immediately. Open Synod at 1 o'clock.

Third Session. Wednesday, 1 *o'clock, .PM.*

Moved that Cookstown be the place of the Synod's meeting next year. Belfast was also put in nomination. The Roll was called & Belfast carried. The meeting to take place on the last Tuesday in June next, in the meeting-house of the third congregation of Belfast. Divine service to begin at 5 o'clock Afternoon. Synod to meet at Belfast

Code of discipline

Mr Thomson on the part of the committee appointed to prepare a code of discipline for the government of this Church, reported that they had not been able to complete the work, but that they had made some progress, & were willing if desired, to prosecute the business until its completion.

Resolved that the committee be continued, & instructed to proceed to fulfil their appointment, with as little delay as possible.

Mr Wright's reasons of protest

Mr Wright according to his notice of last year, gave in his reasons of protest, which are as follows :—

1. Because I feel confident that the Synod of 1813 was less competent to judge on the subject alluded to than the Synods of 1799 and 1805.

2. Because the proceedings of last year on this subject cast a reflection & stigma on characters high in the estimation of this body, men who are now no more.

3. Because the proceeding was irregular, unprecedented, & of dangerous tendency.

On reading the minute of last year respecting the publication of Dr Black's speeches, it was moved that each Minister of the Synod be ordered to pay for 20 Copies of his pamphlet, published at their request. To this motion the following amendment was moved,—" That it be recommended by the Moderator to each minister of this Synod to pay Dr Black for 20 copies of his publication." The motion thus amended was carried, & the Moderator recommended accordingly.

Report & recommendation the Synod's Committee

Mr Thomson as chairman of the committee appointed to confer with the Managers & visiters of the Belfast Academical Institution, reported that the Committee had met at Belfast according to appointment, where they had been waited on by the Managers & Visiters, who communicated to the committee the means by which they conceived the Synod had it in their power to promote the interest of the institution. In consequence of this communication the committee agreed to recommend to the Synod.

1. That the same respect be paid by the Synod of Ulster to the certificates of the Belfast Academical Institution, of attendance & progress of the Students in learning, as to the certificates from foreign universities; so soon as adequate professors are appointed to lecture, in this institution, on the different branches of Science which the Synod points out to the Students under its care.

2. The committee recommend to the serious consideration of the Synod the expediency of establishing in the Belfast Institution a Professorship of Divinity, Hebrew & Ecclesiastical history.

3. They recommend to the members of the Synod to assist in raising subscriptions in their different congregations, which will be appropriated solely to the literary department of the Institution.

Moved & seconded that the consideration of this subject be postponed, & recommended to the serious consideration of the Synod till its next meeting. After some discussion, the Synod adjourned till tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock.

Fourth Session. Thursday morning 7 o'clock.

After prayer, the discussion of the motion for postponing the consideration of the recommendation of the Synod's committee respecting the Belfast Academical Institution, being resumed, the motion was carried unanimously.

Resolved that the following letter to the Rev. John Thomson, Chairman of the Synod's deputation be inserted in the minutes.

Belfast 25th June 1814.

Reverend Sir,

Letter from the Managers & Visiters of the B. A. Institution

Since the Managers & visiters of the Belfast Academical Institution had the honor of meeting you & the other Gentlemen who composed the deputation from the Synod of Ulster in August last, several very important circumstances have occurred in the affairs of the Institution, which they wish you to communicate to the other members of the deputation, and also to the Synod.

All the principal schools of the Institution have been opened & masters selected eminently qualified to give to youth a critical knowledge of the Greek, Latin, English & French languages; as also of Arithmetic & Mathematics. The writing department has also been remarkably well filled. The Managers & Visiters have also to inform you, that there is now delivering a course of lectures on Natural Philosophy, another on Chymstry, and a third on Mechanics by a very able professor, Dr Andrew Ure from the Andersonian Institution, Glasgow:—a gentleman well acquainted with those sciences, and familiar with all the late important discoveries.

The Managers & Visiters have farther to inform you that in the month of November last they had a petition presented to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant praying that his Lordship would be pleased to sanction an application from them to the Imperial Parliament, for pecuniary aid. This his Excellency has been graciously pleased to do. In the course of the Winter a petition was presented to the House of Commons; & in the month of March their Secretary had an official letter from Mr Fitzgerald the Irish Chancellor of the Exchequer, stating that he would present the petition to Parliament, & move for a grant of money in aid of their funds. In the progress of the session their petition was presented, & referred to a Committee, who reported favourably on the prayer of the petition, & in a few days the Managers & Visiters expect to have an account of a grant being voted in aid of their funds.

Thus situated, they feel confident that it will shortly be in their power to appoint additional Professors, particularly one for Moral Philosophy, Logic & Metaphysics, which were considered by the deputation in their individual capacities, as most necessary to complete the studies of Students in Divinity, under the charge of the Synod of Ulster.

The Managers & Visiters beg the favour of your communicating these particulars to the Gen. Synod of Ulster. They have no doubt

but collections could be made for an ample provision for the endowment of a Professorship of Divinity, Hebrew & Church History, in the several congregations under the charge of the Synod, the establishment of which would meet the wishes of the present students, & in future render the migration of Irish Students to another country unnecessary.

With much respect, I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Signed by order

DONEGALL President.

Resolved unanimously, that the conduct of the Synod's deputation to the Belfast Institution be approved of.

Magilligan

Resolved, that the Moderator be instructed to apply to Government for a portion of his Majesty's bounty to the newly erected congregation of Magilligan.

The committee appointed to take charge of the congregation of Clare, made their report.

Adjourned till ten o'clock.

Fifth Session. Thursday, ten o'clock, A.M.

After prayer, Mr Wright gave in his reasons of protest against dismissing the subject of Dr Dickson's apology last year, which are as follows:

'Because by dismissing this subject the Synod does not do justice to its character as a body, nor to individual members of it, whose characters have been attacked by Dr Dickson in his narrative & retractation.'

Ordered that the congregation of Ballyeaston do return to the care of the Presbytery of Templepatrick.

OVERTURES.

I. The following addresses to his Royal Highness the Prince Regent, & his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant were unanimously agreed to.

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, THE PRINCE REGENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND.

May it please your Royal Highness,

Address to the Prince Regent

We his Majesty's most dutiful & loyal subjects, the Presbyterian Ministers & Elders of the General Synod of Ulster, assembled at our annual meeting, request permission to offer to your

Royal Highness our humble congratulations on the re-establishment of peace among the states of Europe, & to express our anxious hope for a speedy & honorable issue of the contest in which your Royal Highness is still engaged.

During the late war with France & her dependencies, now so happily terminated, we ceased not to offer up our prayers to Him who ruleth over the nations to guide & prosper the counsels of your Royal Father, our beloved King, in his endeavours to maintain the rights & liberties of his people, & to restore order to a distracted world.

We beheld with gratitude & satisfaction the measures pursued by your Royal Highness in furtherance of the same great & salutary objects, & we have now to join in thanksgiving to Almighty God who hath so signally manifested his protection of this realm, during a long & arduous contest.

Under the direction of his unerring Providence the efforts of your Royal Highness, & those of your august allies, have been crowned with the desired success; the arrogant pretensions of lawless ambition have been humbled; the sword has been wrested from the hand of the Oppressor; and suffering Europe enjoys the prospect of a long repose.

We return your Royal Highness our sincere thanks for the exertions which you have made to procure the entire abolition of the Slave trade. We regret the failure of those exertions for the present; but we entertain the fullest confidence that your Royal Highness will embrace every opportunity which may offer for putting an end to that inhuman traffic.

We beg leave to assure your Royal Highness that we are duly sensible in our humble sphere, of the blessings we enjoy under a free constitution, & mild & beneficent Government, & that we shall continue to inculcate on all those of our communion the principles of peace, exemplified by an obedience to the laws, & good will & affection to our fellow-subjects.

Signed in our name, & by our order, at Cookstown, this 30th day of June, 1814.

GEORGE HAY, Moderator.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY CHARLES LORD VISCOUNT WHITWORTH, LORD LIEUTENANT GENERAL, & GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

May it please your Excellency,

We his Majesty's most dutiful & loyal subjects, the Presbyterian Ministers & Elders of the General Synod of Ulster assembled at our annual meeting, take the liberty of requesting your Excellency to transmit the enclosed Address to his Royal Highness the Prince Regent.

We entreat your Excellency to be assured of the high estimation in which we hold your Excellency's character, & of our perfect reliance on the wisdom & firmness of your Excellency's administration in the impartial execution of the Laws, & the maintenance of order & tranquillity in this part of the United Kindgom.

Signed in our name, & by our order, at Cookstown, this 30th day of June 1814.

GEORGE HAY Moderator.

Resolved that fair copies of these addresses be made out & transmitted by the Moderator to the Lord Lieutenant.

Ordered, that the Addresses with their answers be published in the *Dublin Evening Post*, the *Correspondent*, the two Belfast Papers, the *Newry Telegraph*, & the *Londonderry Journal*.

Overture postponed

II. Overtured that Messrs Cook, John Thomson, & Stewart, do prepare a petition to Parliment for the purpose of preventing distillation on the Sabbath & submit it to the the Synod to-morrow.

The petition was drawn up & submitted accordingly, but as it could not be engrossed & ready for signatures at this meeting, the consideration of this overture was postponed till next year.

III. Overtured & unanimously agreed to, that our Moderator be enjoined to write to the Moderator of the Gen. Assembly of the Church of Scotland, to enquire whether the law of the Assembly which excludes from their pulpits, Ministers of a particular description, be intended to apply to the ministers & licentiates of the General Synod of Ulster; & if so, to request a copy it.

BILLS.

Millisle

I. A supplication was presented to the Synod from the congregation of Millisle praying the Synod to instruct the Presbytery of Belfast to restore Mr Walker, suspended until this meeting, to the congregation of Millisle, when the Synod may think prudent; as they are convinced that Mr Walker must have been deceived in the matter of Mr Savage's marriage with Mrs Arnold; & that though they admit Mr Walker's imprudence, yet they have the highest opinion of his goodness & integrity, & think that he would be more useful in the congregation than any other minister.

Mr Walker degraded

The Presbytery of Belfast, & the commissioners from the congregation, being heard at great length & ordered to withdraw, it was moved & seconded that Mr Walker be degraded from the ministerial Office.

This motion passed unanimously.

Resolved that the Presbytery of Belfast ought to have issued this business when it came before them, without referring it to the Synod; and that we highly disapprove of the hesitation of the Presbytery in declaring their final Judgment on a matter so flagrantly immoral as

the conduct of Mr Walker; and that we feel particularly indignant at the conduct of Mr McCullogh, a member of that Presbytery, in endeavouring to skreen Mr Walker from the punishment due to his gross immorality.

II. A memorial was presented to the Synod from a part calling themselves the Synodical majority of the Congregation of Carlan, complaining of partiality & irregularity in taking a poll for Mr Willis, a candidate for that congregation, & praying the Synod to take them from under the care of the Presbytery of Tyrone, to place them under the care of a committee of the Synod, & to instruct the committee to grant them a second hearing & poll for Mr Willis. Carlan

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

Sixth Session. Friday morning 7 o'clock.

After prayer, the consideration of the memorial from the Congregation of Carlan was entered into, & the commissioners & Presbytery of Tyrone being heard, it was moved & agreed to, under all the circumstances, that a new poll be granted to that congregation.

Adjourned till ten o'clock.

Seventh Session. Friday ten o'clock, A.M.

Ordered that the Presbytery of Tyrone do take a new poll for Mr Willis in the Congregation of Carlan, strictly according to Synodical regulations.

III. A supplication was presented from the congregation of Clare, detailing at great length, the difficulties in which that part of the congregation who wish to remain in connection with the Synod are still involved, & praying the Synod to procure them a portion of the Royal bounty without which they conceive themselves utterly unable to procure & support an able & zealous Minister, without whose exertions the congregation must, in their opinion, fall into ruin: and to continue the congregation under the Synod's Committee. Clare

The committee, & commissioners from the congregation, having been heard at great length, & the commissioners having withdrawn:

It was moved & agreed to, that the prayer of the supplication respecting the Royal Bounty cannot be complied with; but that when a minister shall be settled in that congregation, this Synod will be disposed to give their countenance & sanction to any practicable measure that may be devised for his support.

Mr Adams signified his determination to give a full discharge to the Congregation for all stipend, on his being paid up till May 1812.

Resolved that the Synod do highly approve of the conduct of the committee appointed to take charge of the congregation of Clare, with the exception of Mr McCance who appears to have entirely neglected his duty. The conduct of Clare committee approved of

Resolved that the congregation be continued under the care of the committee of last year, with the exception of Mr McCance, & the addition of Mr McAllister, Mr Dobbin & Mr Cunningham.

Empowered to supply the Congn *gratis* for 1 year

Resolved that said committee be empowered to supply the congregation of Clare with preaching by the ministers of this Synod, who are enjoined to give their services *gratis* for the space of one year, unless the congregation shall be sooner settled with a minister.

Mr Gray degraded

The return from the Presbytery of Belfast being read, the Presbytery were asked why they did not degrade Mr Gray for such gross immorality as *drunkenness* and *neglect of duty*, instead of suspending him *sine die*; & the Presbytery being heard in accounting for their conduct: It was moved & agreed to that Mr Gray be degraded from the ministerial office.

Thanks to the Inhabitants of Cookstown

Resolved unanimously, that the thanks of this Synod be given to the inhabitants of Cookstown, for the uniform attention which they have discovered towards the comfort & accommodation of its members during a period of thirteen years.

Ordered that this resolution be published in the Belfast Newspapers.

INTERLOCUTOR.

A statement of the Receipts & payments of his Majesty's bounty, ending the 29th of September last, was submitted to the Interlocutor & found correct & satisfactory.

The accounts of the Treasurer of the Widows' fund were examined & found correct.

Dr W. Neilson declined making the second motion of which he had given notice in 1811, but proceeded to make the first viz., that the eleventh regulation of the Widows fund, as published in 1809, be repealed. This motion after some discussion was withdrawn.

Mr James Bankhead gave notice that he will bring forward a motion next year to permit, under certain restrictions, degraded ministers to continue connected with the Widows' fund.

Dr Black reported, that he had lent the balance of the widows' fund in his hands, according to the instructions of last year's Interlocutor, to Wm Todd Esq., & that he had taken a mortgage on the lands of Buncrana for that balance & the sum formerly lent Mr Todd.

Annuity £40

Ordered that the annuity to the Widows this year be £40, & that the payments be half-yearly.

Capital of the widows' fund in the year 1813	£26,652 : 5 : 4
Interest arising from the same	1,549 : 10 : 0
Number of contributors—211.	
Sum by them contributed	982 : 10 : 0
Number of Annuitants—74.	
Amount of Annuities paid them ..	2,880 : 0 : 0

Ordered that Dr Black be requested to retain in his hands 10 shillings from the next half-year's bounty of each minister in the first class, 7s 6d from each minister in the second class, & 5 shillings from each minister in the third class, as a fund for defraying the Synod's debts.

Synod concluded with prayer.

Inserted July 25th 1814 by

THO. CUMING, Clk. Gen. Synod.

A General Synod at Belfast June 27th 1815.

The Rev. George Hay, the Moderator, opened this Synod by preaching from 1 Cor. 12, 13: Then constituted it by prayer: After which were present from the several presbyteries the following members, viz., from:—

Minrs.	Elders.
Armagh Presbytery.	
Thomas Cuming	
James Bankhead	Robt. Dickson
Andrew G. Malcom	
Samuel Arnold	
Robert Adams	
James Davis	
Strabane Presbytery.	
No member attended	
Derry Presbytery.	
George Hay	
Andw. McCaldin	Robert Lyle
James Johnston	Henry Kidd
Templepatrick Presbytery.	
John Bankhead	
John Savage	Tho. Herdman
Adam Hill	
Robert Orr	John Bell
John Murphy	
Thomas Alexander	
Robert Campbell	James Blow
Nathl. Alexander	John Wilson
Henry Cook	Andw. Thomson
William Glendy	
Samuel Elder	
Dromore Presbytery.	
James Birch	Jas. Birch Black
John Thomson	Robt. Lewis
James Waddel	
John McCance	Wm. M. Wilson
Alexr. Patterson	Geo. Galbraith
Hamilton Dobbin	James Boyd
Wm. Wright	Rob. Gardiner
Moses Finlay	
Hugh McAllister	
Wm. Magowan	Dr. Turretine
James Black	John White
Wm. McEwen	Wm. Shields
John Johnston	Wm. Crozier
James McClelland	Jno. Armstrong

Minrs.	Elders.
Belfast Presbytery.	
Geo. Brydone	Hen. Coulter
Joseph Harrison	Matth. Morrow
Samuel Hanna	James Munfoad
Samuel Watson	Wm. McEwen
Hen. Simson	Adam Boyd
James McCullogh	Hn. Boyd
James Riddle	John Hunter
Fletcher Bleakly	Gavin Orr
John Hanna	Tho. Hill
Bangor Presbytery.	
Andw. Craig	James Ward
James Sinclair	
Robt. Acheson	Wm. Boyd
John Watson	John Cooper
Wm. Moreland	Tho. Gelston
John Mulligan	James Lunn
Andrew Gowdy	Robt. McKee
Hugh Woods	Henry Rankin
Hn. Montgomery	Wm. Hunter
David Whyte	
Wm. Finlay	John Sinclair
William Skelly	
William Campbell	
Dublin Presbytery.	
John Baird	
James Carlisle	Wm. Gilbert
Samuel Simson	
Ballymena Presbytery.	
Tho. Henry	James English
Hen. Henry	Geo. Jackson
Alexr. Montgomery	Jos. McRory
Robert Stewart	Adam Duffin
George McClelland	
William Wauhope	John Patrick
Letterkenny Presbytery.	
Edward Reid	
John Gillespie	Tho. Smith

Minrs.	Elders.
Clogher Presbytery.	
John Anderson	James Irwin
Roote Presbytery.	
Matthew Elder	
John Whiteside	
Richard Dill	
James Huey	
John Brown	Hugh Rankin
Samuel Butler	
Monaghan Presbytery.	
Matthew Turnbull	
James Gowdy	
Henry McIlree	
Archibald Meharg	

Minrs.	Elders.
Monaghan Presbytery—continued.	
Patrick Whyte	
James Harpur	
Tyrone Presbytery.	
Dr. Dickson	
John Davison	Jno. Adams
David Bennet	
Robert Cunningham	
Robert Allen	Robt. Park
Elders from vacant congregations &c.	
Dunluce	Adam Hunter
Castlereagh	Wm. Clawson
Carlin	Jno. Kenedy

Mr Hay having moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod the following brethren were named, viz., Messrs Malcom, McCaldin, Savage, McCance, Brydone, Acheson, Baird, Stewart, Reid, Anderson, Huey, McIlree, & Cunningham.

The Roll was called & Mr McCance chosen.

Mr Cuming continued Clerk.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night & to prepare lists to be given to the Clerk to-morrow morning, of their members for the several committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, & Gen. Synod's fixed committee. An account of such Ministers as have died, been ordained, or installed; of such candidates as have been licensed, or entered on trials since last general Synod; & of such students as have been examined previous to their going to, & after their return from college by their respective presbyteries: and such other returns as our regulations require. An account of Annuitants on the fund, of any that have died, & of the time when such did die. Standing Order

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-[morrow] morning at 10 o'clock.

Second Session. Wednesday Morning 10 *o'clock.*

After prayer, returns were made by the several presbyteries of their members for the several committees, also the following reports:—

Armagh Presbytery report, that they licensed Mr Kenedy & Mr Joseph Jenkins in October last, to preach the Gospel. That they examined Messrs Clarke & Smith previous to their going to college the first time, & Mr Bleakley previous to his going to college the third time. Have on the fund Mrs Thom & the family of Mr Shaw.

Strabane Presbytery, No report.

Derry Presbytery report, that they examined Mr Robert Thomson previous to his going to college. They have entered on first trials Mr John Gilfillan & Mr David Mills. Have on the fund Mrs Walker, Mrs Scott, Mrs Patten & Mrs Law.

Templepatrick Presbytery report, that they have licensed Messrs Wm Baird, Samuel Eccles & Dav^{d} Davidson. That they examined previous to their going to college & on their return Messrs Crawford, Shaw, & Thomson. That the Rev. Mr Thomson died about the middle of August last, leaving a Widow. Have on the fund Mrs Gibson, Montgomery, & Thomson.

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Dromore Presbytery report, that the Rev. Isaac Patrick died in October last leaving a widow and family. That since last meeting of Synod they have licensed Messrs Saml Nicholson, Wm Dickson, Alex^{r} McEwen, & Saml Crory, who all subscribed the Westminster confession of faith, agreeable to order. They entered opon first trials James Birch Black, James Gardiner, David Watson, Wm Scott, & Wm Adair. Mr James Thomson was on first trials, but having been appointed teacher of Mathematicks in the Belfast Academical Institution, has discontinued proceeding with his trials for the present. Have on the fund Mrs Hay who resides in Donegal, Mrs Thomson & daughter, Mrs Magee, Barber, Little, & Patrick.

1 ordained

Belfast Presbytery report, that they ordained the Rev. John Hanna in the Congregation of Millisle on the first Tuesday of May last, as assistant & sucessor to the Rev. Mr Greer: he subscribed the Westminster confession of faith & is a subscriber to the Widows' fund. That the[y] licensed Mr James Cochran on the 7th of February, who also subscribed the W. confession of faith. That they have entered on first trials Messrs Bailie, McCormick, Harrison James & Alex^{r} Heron. That they examined & received the necessary specimens from Messrs Orr, Neilson, and Hutton, after their return from college, & examined Messrs Kirk & Reid previous to their going to college for the first time. Have on the fund Mrs Kenedy, McEwen, Rowan, Kilburn, Henry, & family of Mr Patten.

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Bangor Presbytery report, that the Rev. James Caldwell died on the 2^{d} of October last, & the Rev. Robert Porter on the 22^{d} March last, each leaving a widow. That they have examined Messrs David Thom & Robt Dunn previous to their going to college the fourth time, & Hugh Greenfield previous to his going to college the second time. That they have on the fund Mrs Hull, now in America, Patterson, Bryson, Porter, Arnold, Caldwell, & Mrs Robt Porter.

1 ordained

Dublin Presbytery report, that on the 23^{d} May last they ordained the Rev. Samuel Simson in the congregation of Usher's Quay, as colleague to the Rev. Hugh Moore. Mr Simson adhered to his former subscription to the Westminster confession of faith, and is a contributor to the Widows' fund. They have on the fund Mrs Wilson & Mrs Cochran.

Ballymena Presbytery report, that they examined Mr Allison previous to his going to college for the first time, & Mr Marshal Moore, after his return the 2d time. Have on first trials Messrs Boyd & Anderson. That the Rev. Benjamin Mitchel resigned the pastoral charge of the congregation of Ballymoney on the 9th May last. Have on the fund Mrs Lindsay, Cuming, Howard, Brown, Park, & family of Mr Hamilton. 1 resigned

Letterkenny Presbytery report, that they have licensed to preach the Gospel Messrs Clarke & Hamilton; that they examined Messrs Reid & Gibson previous to their going to, & after their return from college the first time: Messrs Allison & Bates, after their return the second time; and Mr Rogers after his return the third time. They have on the fund Mrs Delap, Burke, Allen & the families of Alexander & Love.

Clogher Presbytery report, that they examined Mr James Clements previous to his going to, & on his return from college the first time. That they examined and received specimens from Mr John Hamilton on his return from college the third time, & from Archibald Armstrong & James McWilliams on their return the second time. Have on the fund Mrs Moorhead.

Roote Presbytery report, That on the 15th Augt last, they ordained to the pastoral charge of Armoy the Rev. Jackson Graham, & on the 15th September the Rev. Samuel Butler to that of the newly-erected congregation of Magilligan; both subscribed the Westminster confession of faith, & became contributors to the Widows' fund. On the 26th July they licensed to preach the Gospel Messrs Henry Haslet, Robert Anderson, & Wm Johnston who subscribed the Westminster confession of faith: have on first trials Messrs Samuel Hamill, James Lynd, & Samuel Templeton. They examined previous to their entering college & after their return Messrs Wm Neilson, John McLaughlin, & Andw Mitchel. Have on the fund Mrs Gaston, Smylie, Hamilton, Elder, Davis, McMullan, Glasgo, Blair, Fullerton, Greer & children, and McClelland. 2 ordained

Monaghan Presbytery report, that they examined Robert Rusk & Wm Kenedy on their return from college the first time, and Tho. Kenedy, Andw Breakey & James White, on their return from college the second time. That they suspended *ab officio* for three months the Rev. Archibald Meharg for irregularity of conduct. Have on the fund Mrs Warnock, Smyth, Montgomery, Whiteside, Moore, & Rogers who resides in Dublin.

Tyrone Presbytery report, that on the 2d August last, they licensed Messrs James Collins, Robert Park, & Robt Lyle to preach the Gospel. That they examined Jas Morgan, James Collins, James Adams, Samuel Sloan, William Anderson, & Andrew Campbell previous to their going to college for the first time. They examined Wm Smith, & Robert Creighton on their return from College, & have entered on first trials Messrs Sinclair, Hutcheson, Hamilton, John & Francis Magowan. That on the 31st March last, they ordained the Rev. Joshua Willis as assistant & successor to the Rev. James Whiteside in the congregation 1 ordained

of Benburb, He is a contributor to the Widows' fund. Have on the fund Mrs Stitt, Boylan, Dougal, Simson, Chambers, & the family of Mr Stewart. Mr Adams died on the 23d December last.

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Antrim Presbytery report, that Mr Bryson died on the 6th May last, leaving a family; & that they have on the fund Mrs Crombie, Vance, Nevin, Sinclair, & the families of Messrs Wightman, Marshal, & Bryson.

Presb. of Strabane

The Clerk having read a letter from the Rev. Mr Dunlop of the Presbytery of Strabane in which he attempts to apologise for the absence of himself & Co-presbyters at this meeting; the Synod feels itself called upon to declare, that the Apology is by no means satisfactory, & that it cannot receive the report annexed to Mr Dunlop's letter, inasmuch as it does not come before the Synod in an official form.

The Presbytery of Strabane are strictly enjoined to attend the next meeting of Synod.

Gen. Synod's fixed Committee for the year 1815.

Presbs.	Minrs.
Armagh,	Messrs Arnold & Davis
Strabane,	,, No return
Derry,	,, Hay & Johnston
T.Patrick,	,, N. Alexander & Cook
Dromore,	,, Thomson & Paterson
Belfast,	,, Riddle & Jno. Hanna
Bangor,	,, Acheson & Gowdy
Dublin,	,, Baird & Simson
B.mena,	,, Elder & Wauhope
L.Kenny,	,, Reid & Gillespie
Clogher,	,, Millar & Philips
Roote,	,, Whiteside & Huey
Monaghan,	,, Trimble & Whyte
Tyrone,	,, Davison & Cunningham

These with an Elder from each Presbytery, our Moderator & Clerk are to meet at Belfast, when called by the Moderator on any emergency; fifteen to be a Quorum, of whom twelve, at least, are to be ministers.

Adjourned. Committees to meet immediately. Open Synod at half-past one o'clock.

Third Session. Wednesday, half-past one, P.M.

On the second reading of the report from the Presbytery of Ballimena, it was moved & seconded, that the Presbytery be called on for a narrative of the proceedings which led to their acceptance of Mr Mitchel's resignation. On this motion the previous question was put and carried.

Moved that Belfast be the place of the Synod's meeting next year; Armagh was also put in nomination. The Roll was called & Belfast carried. The meeting to take place on the last Tuesday in June next in the meeting-house of the third congregation of Belfast. Divine service to begin at 5 o'clock, P.M. Synod to meet at Belfast

Mr Hanna on the part of the committee appointed to prepare a code of discipline for the government of this church, read a skeleton of a directory for divine worship, & also of Presbyterian Church government. Code of discipline

Resolved, that these papers together with the outlines of a plan of discipline formerly read by Mr Thomson before this Synod, be printed by the committee, & that a copy be sent to each member of the Synod: and that the committee be requested, in the meantime to fill them up, & lay them before the Synod at it next meeting, for its consideration.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

Fourth Session. Thursday morning seven o'clock.

After prayer, on reading the minute of last year which recommends it to each minister to pay for 20 copies of Dr Black's pamphlet, it was moved that as Dr Black is not present, Dr Dickson be permitted at our next meeting in 1816 to bring forward such charges against Dr Black, & this body, as he shall have given regular notice concerning. Previous Question

On this motion the previous question was put & carried.

Adjourned till ten o'clock.

Fifth Session. Thursday 10 o'clock, A.M.

Mr Thomson presented the following letter from the managers & visiters of the Belfast Academical Institution. Belfast Academical Institution

Belfast 24th June 1815.

Rev. Sir,

The managers & visiters of the Belfast Academical Institution embrace the opportunity of the annual meeting of the General Synod of Ulster, to lay before them, through you, the farther progress of the Institution since the former communications they had the honor of making to that respectable body. Their letters to the Moderator of the Synod of the 22d June 1809, & of the 18th June 1813, their conference with the deputation of the same year, & their letter to the Rev. John Thomson, Moderator of the deputation, of the 22d June 1814, would fully inform the Synod, of the plan & objects of the Institution, & of the progress made to that date, in carrying them into effect.

It is with much pleasure the managers & visitors have now to state to the General Synod, that in a few days after their communication to Mr Thomson, a grant of fifteen hundred pounds was made by the legislature, in aid of the funds of the Institution. A grant of the like sum has been made in the present session of Parliament, and having been classed by his Majesty's Ministers along with other national establishments which are annually provided for, there can be no doubt of the permanence of the grant, or of the stability of the institution.

Thus situated, the managers & visitors are preparing by degrees, to carry into effect the whole plan of education detailed in their prospectus, & sanctioned by the legislature in the act of incorporation. They have advertised for a professor to lecture on moral philosophy & metaphysicks, and a professor to lecture on Logick, Rhetoric & Belles Lettres; and several highly respectable candidates have already offered themselves for these situations. These professorships, with the lectures on Chemistry, Natural philosophy, & Mechanics already established, will, with Divinity, Hebrew, & church history, (as they understand) complete the course of studies enjoined by the General Synod to the young men under their care who are intended for the ministry.

It was with much satisfaction, the managers & visiters understood from several members of the deputation, that the Idea of a home education was often entertained by the General Synod & cherished by some of its most respectable members. That at an early period of the establishment of the Presbyterians of Ulster, the young men intended for the ministry were taught philosophy at Antrim, at Newtown & at Killileagh, & that the same idea has lately been taken up by the Irish students of Divinity at Glasgow.

The advantages & practicability of a home education are evident, nor can the establishment, or endowment of a professor of Divinity be a matter of difficulty with the numerous population with which the General Synod is connected; and it now rests with them, to draw still closer the connexion with the Belfast Academical Institution, already established by the Legislature in the act of incorporation, & by which the Moderator of the General Synod of Ulster is made a perpetual visiter of the Institution.

The managers & visiters have entrusted the care of this letter to the Rev. John Thomson, the Moderator of the committee with which they held the conference, and they have appointed the Rev. Samuel Hanna, Dr Stevenson, Dr Drennan, Dr Tennent, & Mr William Boyd, to make such further communications as the General Synod may require, on the nature, objects, & prospects of the Institution.

Signed by order of the joint boards of managers & visiters of the Belfast Academical Institution.

ROBERT GETTY, Chairman of the joint Boards.

To the Moderator of the General Synod of Ulster.

Certificates from the Belfast Ac. Ins. to be received by th Synod

This letter together with the former correspondence between the Synod & the Institution being read, it was moved & unanimously agreed to—"that the same respect be paid by the Synod of Ulster to the certificates of the Belfast Academical Institution, of attendance & progress of the Students in learning, as to the certificates from foreign universities; so soon as adequate professors are appointed to lecture in this Institution on the different branches of science which the Synod points out to the students under its care; provided a committee of this body who shall be annually appointed for the purpose shall concur in such certificates, & signify its approbation by the signature of its Moderator."

Professorship of Divinity & Church History

The Synod having been informed that Hebrew is already taught in the institution by the Rev Mr O'Beirne, it was moved and unanimously agreed to, that a professorship of Divinity & Church history be established by this Body in the Belfast Academical Institution, & that a committee be now appointed for the purpose of taking the necessary steps to carry this measure into execution.

Committee

Resolved that said committee be composed of a Minister & Elder from each Presbytery; and that the following be the members.

Presbyteries	Ministers	Elders
Armagh	James Bankhead	Tho. Prentice
Derry	George Hay	Robt Kyle
Templepatrick	John Bankhead	James Blow
Dromore	John Thomson	Wm M. Wilson
Belfast	Samuel Hanna	James Munfoad
Bangor	Andrew Craig	John Crawford
Dublin	James Carlisle	William Gilbert
Ballimena	Thomas Henry	John Patrick

Presbyteries	Ministers	Elders
Letterkenny	Edward Reid	Nathaniel Scott
Clogher	Andrew Millar	James Irwin
Roote	John Whiteside	Adam Hunter
Monaghan	Matthew Trimble	Patrick Gibson
Tyrone	Dr Dickson	Hugh White

The presbytery of Strabane are enjoined to appoint a Minister & Elder to be members of said committee, at their first stated meeting.

Thirteen to be a quorum whereof eight at least are to be ministers. The committee to hold its first meeting this evening, in the Meeting-house, at eight o'clock, & report to the Synod, to-morning morning.

Mr Hay, the late Moderator, informed the Synod that he had in compliance with their order of last year, forwarded a Memorial to the Lord Lieutenant, praying his Excellency to grant a portion of his Majesty's bounty to the newly erected congregation of Magilligan; and that his Excellency had been pleased to order the sum of £50 to be included in the Annual estimate for the Minister of that congregation.

Ordered that the presbytery of Templepatrick & the committee for conducting the affairs of the Congregation of Ballyeaston do meet in the retiring-room at half-past nine o'clock to-morning morning, to make arrangements for the payment of the Arrears due probationers, for supplying that congregation.

Mr Hay reported that he had caused the addresses to the Prince regent & Lord Lieutenant to be printed, agreeably to the order of last year, & read an answer to the address to the Prince, which is as follows :—

Dublin Castle, 20 July 1815.

Sir,

The Lord Lieutenant having transmitted the address to his Royal Highness the Prince Regent from the Presbyterian Ministers & Elders of the Synod of Ulster, I am directed by his Excellency to acquaint you, that he has received a letter from the Viscount Sidmouth, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, signifying that his Royal Highness was pleased to receive the same in the most gracious manner.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient humble servant,

W. GREGORY.

To the Rev. Geo. Hay, Londonderry.

Answer to the address to the Lord Lieutenant.

Dublin Castle 9th July 1814.

Sir,

I have received your Letter of the 4th instant, enclosing two addresses from the General Synod of Ulster, one to his Royal Highness the Prince Regent, the other to the Lord Lieutenant, which I immediately laid before his Excellency, who has commanded me to acquaint you that he will forward, forthwith, the Address to be laid before the Prince Regent. His Excellency at the same time directs me to return his best thanks for the approbation the Synod have expressed of his conduct, in the Administration of the government of Ireland.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

W. GREGORY.

Rev. George Hay, Londonderry.

Mr Cook read the following petition to the house of Commons against distillation of spirits on the Lord's day which was approved of, ordered to be engrossed, & transmitted by the Moderator to the Right Honourable Lord Castlereagh, with the request of this Synod, that he would present it to the house of Commons.

Petition against distillation on the Lord's day

TO THE HONOURABLE THE COMMONS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND, IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

The petition of the Ministers & Elders of the General Synod of Ulster, assembled at their Annual meeting

Humbly sheweth,

"That whereas by an act of Parliament passed in the 46th year of our gracious Sovereign king George the third for the purpose of granting to his Majesty certain duties on spirits made & distilled in Ireland it is provided, "that every still shall be presumed to be kept *regularly* at work from the time of commencing to work, until the working shall be discontinued in manner specified: and that during every four weeks of said time every such still shall be presumed to continue working & be chargeable with duties for twenty-eight days," which provision is understood to authorise distillation to continue on the Lord's day.

"Now we your petitioners considering that by the divine law, Christians are commanded to abstain from working on the Lord's day:—approving highly of those statutes by which its religious observance is enjoined;—convinced that its profanation has an immediate tendency to promote immorality & weaken the sense of religious obligation;—and understanding that an act permitting distillation to continue upon the Lord's day in Scotland has been repealed; do therefore most humbly pray, that so much of the aforesaid act as permits distillation to

continue upon the Lord's day in Ireland may be repealed, & such measures adopted as your honourable house shall in its wisdom consider adequate, effectually to guard it from profanation, agreeably to the intent of his Majesty's gracious proclamation issued upon the 31st October 1760."

And as in duty bound your petitioners shall every pray."

Ordered that a similar petition to the house of Lords be transmitted to the Marquis of Hertford, and that the Marquis be requested to present the same.

Mr Hay's report

Mr Hay informed the Synod that in compliance with their order, he had written, to the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, to enquire whether the law of the Assembly, which excludes from their pulpits, ministers of a particular description, be intended to apply to the general Synod of Ulster; & if so to request a copy of it.

In answer to this application Mr Hay read an un-official letter from the Moderator of the Assembly; containing the following extracts from the printed acts of that Church.

Extracts from printed acts of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

Anno 1799, C. 5. "That it is agreeable to the constitution, the "laws & the decisions of this church, that no Probationer who has "obtained a license without the bounds of this Church, or who has not "obtained a license from a Presbytery of this church, or who either by "going without the bounds of the church to obtain ordination, although "he was not called to a particular congregation in another country, "or by any other part of his conduct, has forfeited the license which he "has obtained, shall be held qualified to accept of a presentation, or "call, to any parish in this church, or to any chapel of ease connected "therewith." All such presentations and calls are declared null & void. The second part of the Act "Prohibits all the ministers of this "church & the ministers of all chapels of ease connected therewith "from employing to preach, upon any occasion, or to dispense any of "the other ordinances of the Gospel within any congregation under "the jurisdiction of the church persons who are not qualified, according "to the laws of this church to accept of a presentation, & from holding "ministerial communion, in any other manner, with such persons."

Resolved, that our Moderator be directed to write to the General Assembly, stating, that we feel ourselves much aggrieved by the Act which excludes our ministers & licentiates from the pulpits of the church of Scotland, & requesting to know if the Assembly be disposed to alter its acts, in so far as it respects the members & licentiates of the Synod of Ulster, as we should be extremely sorry that anything should occur, or be suffered to continue, which might tend to interrupt that ministerial communion which we wish to maintain with that church.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

Sixth Session. Friday morning 7 o'clock.

After prayer, the committee for establishing a professorship of divinity & ecclesiastical history in the Belfast Academical Institution, made the following report :—

Report of the Committee for establishing a professorship of Divinity & Church history in the Belfast A. Institution

Resolved that it is the opinion of your committee that a fund shall be raised for the support of this professorship, and that a sum not less than three thousand pounds will be adequate to this purpose.

Resolved that your committee being of opinion that this fund be raised by voluntary subscriptions, recommend that Ministers subscribe liberally themselves, & that they with the assistance of their respective Sessions & committees be active in raising subscriptions through their congregations by application to individuals, & if ministers shall deem it prudent, they may make a public collection in their congregations for this purpose.

Resolved that Ministers forward the sums so raised by subscriptions, or collections, to the Rev. Mr Hanna who is appointed treasurer to the committee, on, or before the first of November next.

Resolved that the Moderator together with the Rev. Mr Cuming, Rev. Mr Hanna, Mr Willm Maxwel Wilson, & Mr James Munfoad, be a sub-committee for superintending & forwarding the general designs of the committee.

Resolved that the committee do meet in Belfast on the first Thursday in November next, in the meeting house of the third congregation, at the hour of twelve o'clock.

JOHN THOMSON, Moderator.

Report approved of & recommended by the Synod to its members & the congregations under its care

After some discussion it was resolved, unanimously that the report be approved of, and that the Synod do earnestly recommend it to its Members & the congregations under its care, to be active & zealous in procuring the means of carrying into execution an object so important to the Presbyterian body in this country.

Committee of Examination

Resolved that a committee be now appointed for the purpose of attending the examinations of such students in Philosophy, in the Belfast Academical Institution, as may be entered in the reports of presbyteries to this Synod, & of expressing their satisfaction in their proficiency, by concurring with the professors in signing their certificates : And that the committee do consist of the following members :—

Members for the year 1815

Armagh,	Mr Malcom	Ballimena,	Mr Stewart
Derry,	M Hay	Letterkenny,	Mr Reid
T.patrick,	Mr T. Alexander	Clogher,	Mr Anderson

Dromore,	Mr McCance	Roote,	Mr Richd Dill
Belfast,	Mr Bleakley	Monaghan,	Mr Morell
Bangor,	Mr Montgomery	Tyrone,	Mr Moore
Dublin,	Mr Carlisle	Strabane,	Mr Dunlop

Adjourned till ten o'clock.

Seventh Session. Friday ten o'clock, A.M.

Mr McCance

On reading the minute of last year, which censures Mr McCance for neglecting his duty as a member of the Clare committee, Mr McCance assigned such reasons for his apparent neglect of duty in this case, as were judged satisfactory by the Synod.

BILLS.

Clare

I. A supplication was presented from the congregation of Clare praying the Synod to dissolve the connexion between them and the Rev. Mr Adams, & to continue them under the care of the committee which had charge of them for the last year.

The committee appointed to take charge of that congregation reported to the Synod their proceedings during the last year; and the commissioners from Clare being heard; it was moved & agreed to that a committee consisting of a few members of Synod be ordered to withdraw with Mr Adams & the commissioners, & to endeavour to accommodate matters between Mr Adams & the congregation of Clare. The Synod in the meantime proceeded to the consideration of the remaining bills.

Mrs Gray

II. A supplication was presented to the Synod by Mr Charles Gray, late minister of Castlereagh, complaining that the sentence of degradation pronounced on him by the Synod at its last meeting, was hasty, & unprecedented, & praying the Synod to rescind its sentence and leave him as he formerly stood, under the sentence of suspension *sine die* passed upon him by the Presbytery of Belfast. After reasoning on this subject at considerable length, and it having been stated by undoubted authority that Mr Gray's conduct since the meeting of last year had been correct & irreproachable: The Synod on this account, as well as on account of the consequences resulting from the sentence of degredation to his innocent family, do grant the prayer of the supplication.

Mr Walker

III. A supplication from Mr John Walker, late minister of Millisle, was presented complaining that the Synod had taken his business out of the hands of an inferior Court before that Court had pronounced a final judgment, & of irregularity and cruelty in the Synod's sentence; and praying the Synod to appoint a Committee of their body to take his case into consideration.

After considerable discussion it was moved, that the Act of Synod which degrades Mr Walker be rescinded, on this motion the previous question was put & carried.

Resolved, that Mr Walker's memorial be dismissed: but in dismissing this memorial the Synod has no intention of attaching blame to the Presbytery of Belfast, or of supposing for a moment that the Presbytery were actuated by indifference to the interests of religion & morality in the case of Mr Walker.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

Eighth Session. Saturday morning July 1st seven o'clock.

After prayer, the committee appointed to converse with Mr Adams & the commissioners from Clare, reported that they had been unable to accommodate matters between the parties. Clare

The Synod discussed this affair at great length, when it adjourned till 10 o'clock.

Ninth Session. Sat. 10 o'clock. A.M.

The adjourned discussion respecting the Congn of Clare being resumed, Mr Adams, in order to terminate this unhappy business, voluntarily offered to contribute thirty pounds, *per annum* towards the support of a minister in Clare, so long as he shall be in receipt of the Royal Bounty, on account of the respect he bears to many of the members of that congregation, and his regard to the interest of the Presbyterian church.

Resolved that this offer be received by the Synod & recommended to the acceptance of the congregation: and although the Synod cannot comply with the entire prayer of their memorial, they continue the congregation under the care of the committee of last year, to whom they return their thanks for the great trouble they had in conducting the affairs of that congregation.

IV. A memorial from certain members of the congregation of Stonebridge was presented to the Synod, complaining of the Presbytery of Monaghan for refusing to try certain charges against the moral character of their minister the Rev. Archd Meharg, & praying the Synod to give them such redress as to their wisdom may seem meet. Stonebridge

The Synod declines entering on this business at present, as it is given to understand that this case is intimately connected with a suit at present pending in a civil court: and in the meantime earnestly exhorts, by its Moderator, Mr Meharg & the commissioners from Stonebridge, to lay aside all causes of past animosity, & return to their friendly dispositions towards each other.

V. A memorial was submitted to the Synod from the congregation of Ballyeaston praying to be disannexed from the Presbytery of Templepatrick, & put under the care of such other Presbytery as the Synod may appoint. Ballyeaston

Keady

Resolved that the congregation of Ballyeaston, be disannexed from the Presbytery of Templepatrick, but for the present the Synod do not deem it expedient to annex them to any other Presbytery.

VI. A memorial was presented from the lately erected congregation of Keady stating that Dr Dickson had resigned the pastoral charge of that congn through infirmity; & praying the Synod to disannex them from the Presb. of Tyrone, & put them under the care of the Presb. of Armagh, & to apply to Gov. for a portion of his Majesty's bounty to that congregation.

Resolved, that this congn be disannexed from the Presb. of Tyrone, & put under the care of the Presb. of Armagh; that our Moderator be instructed to apply to the Lord Lieutenant for a portion of his Majesty's bounty to that congn so soon as a minister shall be ordained among them by the Presbytery under whose care they are now placed.

INTERLOCUTOR.

R.D.

A statement of the receipt & payments of his Majesty's royal Bounty for the year ended the 29th September 1814 was submitted to the Interlocutor, on the part of the Agent (who was absent through indisposition) by Mr Hay, & found correct & satisfactory.

Widow's fund

The accounts of the Widows' fund for the year ended the 1st Octr 1814, were in like manner submitted, & on examination found correct.

Dr Black

While this Interlocutor expresses its satisfaction at the correctness of the above accounts; it feels itself called on by a sense of its obligation to Dr Black, for his invariable attention to the interest & prosperity of its funds, from his important services to this body in general, as well as from its sincere respect & esteem for him as a Christian brother, to express its unfeigned concern for the cause of his absence.

Notice of a motion

At the request of Mr James Bankhead, the following motion is placed upon our minutes, for the consideration of Ministers until next year. "That in case of the degradation of any minister who is a contributor to the fund, if there be a wife or family at the time of degradation, he or they, or any person for them, shall be permitted to continue their annual subscriptions in order that they may be entitled to the benefits of the fund."

Ordered that our treasurer do pay Mr Cook the expenses incurred by engrossing & forwarding the petition to the two houses of Parliament against distillation on the Lord's day.

Resolved that the annuity to the widows be this year £40.

Resolved that it is the opinion of this Interlocutor that all the capital of the Widows' fund should be vested in real landed security, and that a committee consisting of the following ministers, the Moderator, Dr Bruce, Mr Thomson & Mr Hanna be now appointed for the purpose of corresponding with Dr Black & Trustees, respecting the securities, on which the sums constituting that capital have been lent,

which committee are farther authorised, in conjunction with Dr Black & the Trustees, to make such changes in these securities as may be necessary.

Capital of the W. Fund 1st Octr 1814	..	£27,002 : 6 : 9
One year's Int. arising from the same	..	1,567 : 10 : 0
Number of contributors—205.		
Sum by them contributed ..	..	864 : 0 : 0
Number of Annuitants—76.		
Amt of Annuities due & payable to them	..	2,930 : 0 : 0

Synod concluded with prayer.

Inserted Nov. 13th 1815 by

THO. CUMING, Clerk of General Synod.

A General Synod at Belfast, June 25th, 1816.

The Rev. John McCance the Moderator, opened this Synod by preaching from Proverbs iii, 17, then constituted it by Prayer; after which were present from the several Presbyteries the following members: viz., from:—

Minrs.	Elders.
Strabane Presbytery.	
William Dunlop	Dr. Gamble
William Porter	
Derry Presbytery.	
Doctor Black	
Richard Dill	
David Hamilton	
George Hay	
Andw. McCaldin	A. Mitchel
Templepatrick Presbytery.	
John Bankhead	
John Savage	Dr. Forsyth
Adam Hill	H. Hetherington
Robert Orr	John Bell
John Murphy	
Robt. Campbell	Jas. Blow
N. Alexander	Arch. Hunter
Henry Cooke	Saml. Lorimer
Will. Glendy	
James Cochran	
Dromore Presbytery.	
John Thomson	Jas. Simson
John Sherrard	
John McCance	Wm. M. Wilson
A. Patterson	James Lunn
John McIlwain	
Hamn. Dobbin	James Boyd
Willm. Wright	Jas. Gardner
Moses Finlay	
W. M. H. McEwen	A. H. Rowan Esqr.
John Johnston	John Lockart
James McClelland	Jas. Dunwoody
John White	
Belfast Presbytery.	
George Brydone	
Samuel Hanna	James Munfoad
Samuel Watson	
Henry Simson	Hugh Boyd
James McCullogh	Thomas Moore
James Riddle	John Hunter
Fletcher Bleakly	Adam McKittrick
John Hanna	Will. Campbell
Willm. Harrison	Hugh Dunn
Bangor Presbytery.	
Andrew Craig	Willm. Wightman
James Sinclair	
Robt. Acheson	Willm. Boyd
John Watson	John Cooper
Willm. Moreland	Dr. McKibbin
John Mulligan	
And. Gowdy	Robt. Baily
Hugh Woods	Henry Andrews
H. Montgomery	Will. Hunter
David White	David Davidson
Willm. Finlay	John Sinclair
Wm. Skelly	John Catherwood
William Campbell	
Dublin Presbytery.	
James Horner	
John Bain	
Samuel Simson	
Ballymena Presbytery.	
Henry Henry	George Jackson
Robert Stewart	
Geo. McClelland	Robert Craig
Letterkenny Presbytery.	
Edward Reid	
Clogher Presbytery.	
John Anderson	
Route Presbytery.	
James Elder	
Matthew Elder	
James Dill	
Samnel Dill	
James Boyle	Adam Hunter
John Whiteside	
James Dunlop	

Minrs.	Elders.
Route Presbytery—continued.	
Richard Dill	Henry Haslet
James Huey	
John Brown	John McCleery
William Lyle	William Carr
Jackson Graham	
Monaghan Presbytery.	
Patrick White	
James Harpur	
Tyrone Presbytery.	
Doctor Dickson	
John Davison	James Duff
John Cowan	
Robert Hogg	
Robert Cunningham	
John Hogg	

Minrs.	Elders.
Armagh Presbytery.	
Doctor Nielson	
Thos. Cuming	Thos. Prentice
James Bankhead	R. Dickson
Dr. William Nielson	
A. G. Malcom	
Robert Adams	
Arthur Nielson	
James Davis	
Joseph Jenkins	George Kidd
Samuel Elder	
Elders from vacant Congregations	
Castlereagh	David Stewart
Dramara	Robert Kingan

The Roll of the several Presbyteries, belonging to the Synod having been called, it was moved that the names of the Ministers of the Presbytery of Antrim, be called over. To this it was moved as an amendment, that after the list of the Synod is completed, the Presbytery of Antrim be called in order to ascertain what members of that Presbytery are present. On this motion the previous question was put & carried.

Mr McCance having moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, the following brethren were named; viz. Messrs Porter, R. Dill, Campbell, Patterson, Brydone, J Watson, S. Simpson, Stewart, Reid, M. Elder, P. Whyte, Cunningham and Malcom.

The Roll was called & Mr Stewart chosen.

Mr Cuming continued Clerk.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, & to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk to-morrow morning, of their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, & General Synod's fixed committee. An account of such Ministers as have died, been ordained, or installed; of such candidates as have been licensed or entered on trials since last General Synod; & of such students as have been examined previous to their going to & after their return from College, by their respective Presbyteries; and such other returns as our regulations require: An account of annuitants on the Fund, of any that have died, & of the time when such did die.

Dr Black, after stating that he was anxious to obtain the fullest information on a very important Subject that would come under the consideration of the Synod at this meeting, moved, that Mr Thomson be appointed to wait upon the Secretary of the Belfast Academical Institution, & request that he may furnish the Clerk of this Synod, for the information of its members, with the following documents.

1. A Copy of a Petition of the managers & visitors presented to the Lord Lieutenant in November 1813.

2. A copy of a letter from the Chancellor of the Irish Exchequer, to the Secretary of the Institution, dated in March 1814.

3. A copy of a letter from the same, & of the answer thereto, dated in November 1815.

4. A copy of a statement relative to the Institution signed by the secretary, & addressed to the Chancellor of the Exchequer in February 1816.

5. A copy of a letter from the Chancellor of the Exchequer to the secretary of the Institution, dated in April 1816, with the answer thereto from the joint Boards of managers & visitors.

6. A copy of any other correspondence between the secretary, or managers of the Institution, & any members of his Majesty's government, which may have taken place, between the last mentioned date & the meeting of this Synod.

On this the previous question was put & negatived, after which the original motion was agreed to.

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Second Session. Wednesday morning, 10 *o'clock, A.M.*

After prayer, returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their members for the several Committees & also the following reports :—

Strabane Presbytery report that they licensed Mr Matthews in August 1814, & Mr Davis in November last; that they examined Mr Alexander, previous to his going to College in October last, & on his return in May last; that they have admitted on first trials, Mr Love, & have on the Fund Mrs Turbit, Hamil, & Anderson.

Derry Presbytery report that they have entered on first trials Robert Thomson, & have on the Fund, Mrs Walker, Patten, Scott, Law, & family of Mr Kyle.

Templepatrick Presbytery report, that they examined previous to their going to College for the first time, & on their return, Messrs M^c^Kee, & Blair, & on their return from College the second time, Messrs. Crawford, Thomson & Shaw; that they have ordained the Rev. James Cochran on the 22^d^ of December last, in the second congregation of Larne, who is a contributor to the Widows' Fund: that the Rev. Alexander Montgomery has not attended their meetings for the last twelve months; have on the Fund Mrs Gibson, Montgomery, & Thomson, & that on the 7th of May last they suspended Mr Cochran for seven Lord's days, & resolved to supplicate the Synod for advice.

Dromore Presbytery report, that the Rev. James Waddel died on the 12th of July last, leaving a Widow & Family; that they licensed since last meeting of Synod, Mr James Birch Black, who subscribed the Westminster Confession of faith, according to order; that they have Messrs. James Gardner, David Watson, William Scott, & William Adair on first trials; on second trials Mr James Birch Black. They have on the Fund Mrs Hay, residing in the County of Donegal, Mrs Thompson, & daughter, Mrs Magee, Mrs Barber, Mrs Little, Mrs Patrick, & Mrs Waddel. On the first of August last they suspended Mr Sherrard, on account of his having (by his own acknowledgment) two or three times, celebrated marriage irregularly, & also habitually neglected to attend on publick worship. They afterwards farther suspended him for three months or longer, on account of his contumacy, & having no reason to believe that he had reformed. And that on the 6th of February last having ample evidence of his having celebrated marriage between two of the domestics of the Bishop of Dromore, both members of the established Church, & the woman having another husband, & this, whilst he was under sentence, of suspension; the Presbytery further suspended him until this meeting of the General Synod, & refer his case to the Synod, that they may dispose of it, as to their superior wisdom may seem fit.

Belfast Presbytery report, that they have entered on first trials Mr John Orr; that they examined Messrs. Moore, Wallace, Shaw, Hunter, & Alexander Orr, previous to their going to College for the first time; that they examined & received the necessary specimens from Messrs Kirk, & Reid, after their return from College the first time; & William Johnston, after his return the second time. That the Rev. Joseph Harrison being unable from age & infirmity, to discharge his pastoral duties, requested the Presbytery on the first of August, to allow his Congregation to choose him an assistant & successor, & that he died on the 12th of February, leaving a Widow & family. That the Rev. Charles Grey died on the 24 Feb. leaving a Widow. That they ordained the Rev. William Harrison, in the second congregation of Holywood, on the 19th of March, who adhered to his former subscription of the Westminster Confession of faith, & is a contributor to the Widows' Fund: have on the Fund Mrs Kennedy, McEwen, Rowan, Kelburn, Henry, Harrison, Grey, & Family of Mr Patten.

Bangor Presbytery report, that they have on trial David Thom & Robert Dunn, & on extra judicial trials Hugh Greenfield, that they have on the Fund, Mrs Hull, now in America, Patterson, Bryson, Porter, Arnold, Caldwell, & Mrs Robert Porter.

Dublin Presbytery report that they have on the Fund, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Cochran, & Mrs Rodgers.

Ballimena Presbytery report, that the Rev. Benjamin Mitchel died in the month of August last leaving a Widow & family: that they examined Messrs. Thomson, & Montgomery, previous to their going to College, for the first time, & after their return; also Messrs Reafield & Moore, on their return the second time; have on first trials Messrs Boyd & Anderson. They ordained, on the 15th of November,

the Rev. William Wray to the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Buckna, who is a contributor to the Widows' fund; have on the Fund Mrs Lindsay, Cuming, Howard, Brown, Park, & the family of Mr Hamilton.

Letterkenny Presbytery report, that they examined Mr Steel previous to his entering College for the first time, Mr Reid on his return from it the second time; Bates & Allison on their return for the third time. Have on first trials Mr Rodgers. They ordained the Rev. Henry Carson, as Assistant & successor to the Rev. Henry Millar in the Congregation of Glendermot, on the 12th of March last, who is a contributor to the Widows' Fund. Have on the Fund Mrs Delap, Mrs Burke, Allen, & the family of Mr Alexander.

Clogher Presbytery report that they have entered on first trials, Mr John Hamilton, after undergoing the necessary examinations; that they have examined Mr Archibald Armstrong, on his return from College the third time, have on the Fund Mrs Moorhead.

Roote Presbytery report, that they licensed Messrs James Lynd, Samuel Templeton, & Samuel Hamil, to preach the Gospel, who subscribed the Westminster confession of faith; have on first trials, Messrs Irvin, Cowan, Greer & Scott: examined previous to their going to College for the first time Messrs George Whiteside, Archibald King & Joseph Bell: that the Rev. Robert Thomson died on the 10th of July last, leaving a family, the Rev. James McFarland on the 4th of April, leaving a Widow & Family, & the Rev. John Logan, on the 4th of May, leaving a Widow & family. Have on the fund Mrs Gaston, Smily, Hamilton, Elder, Davis, McMillan, Glasgo, Blair, Fullarton, Greer & children, McClelland, McFarland, Logan, & family of Mr Thomson; & that they suspended Mr John Greer, one of their licentiates from preaching the Gospel, "*sine die.*"

Monaghan Presbytery report, that they have examined Mr James Shannon previous to his going to College for the first time; that in February last, they received under their care the Rev. John Boyle, a licentiate of the associate Synod; that they have entered on first trials, Mr Thomas Kennedy; examined Mr William White, on his return from College the third time, & Mr Robert Rusk, on his return the 2d time; have on the fund Mrs Warnock, Mrs Smith, Mrs Montgomery, Mrs Whiteside, Mrs Moore & Mrs Rodgers, who resides in Dublin.

Tyrone Presbytery report, that on the first of August last they licensed Mr John Hogg, Walter Gourly, John Gibson & John Adams, to preach the Gospel: they examined Messrs Thomas Dougall, Christopher Williams, & John McGeagh, previous to their going to College for the first time. On the 31st of October last they ordained the Rev. John Hogg, in the Congregation of Carland, who is a contributor to the Widows' Fund; have admitted on first trials Messrs Robert Gray, William Smith, Robert Clarke, & Robert Creighton; have on the fund Mrs Stitt, Boylan, Dugall, Simson, Chambers, & family of Mr Stewart.

Armagh Presbytery report, that they ordained the Rev. Joseph Jenkins in the 2d Congregation of Keady, on the 20th of March last, who is a contributor to the Widows' Fund. They have examined Mr Melvill previous to his going to College for the first time; have on the Fund Mrs Thom & family of Mr Shaw.

Antrim Presbytery report, that Dr Drummond resigned the pastoral charge of the second Congregation of Belfast on the first of November last, have on the fund Mrs Crombie, Vance, Nevin, Sinclair, & the families of Messrs Wightman, Marshal, & Brison.

On reading the report of the Monaghan Presbytery, it was moved & agreed to, that the act of that Presbytery, in receiving Mr Boyle, under their care, is null & void, being in direct violation of the Synodical rule.

On reading the report of the Presbytery of Templepatrick it was resolved that the Presbytery shall re-consider, & finally decide on Mr Cochran's case.

Mr Savage having returned Dr Forsyth as Elder from his Congregation, & some members having alleged that he was not admissible, according to the Synodical rules, it was moved & seconded that Dr Forsyth be admitted as an Elder to represent the Congregation of Carrickfergus. On the Roll being called, the motion was carried.

General Synods fixed Committee for 1816.

Presbs.	Minrs.
Strabane,	Hemphill & Gilkie
Derry,	Hay & McCaldin
T.patrick,	Campbell & Orr
Dromore,	Patterson & McEwen
Belfast,	McCullogh & Hanna
Bangor,	Watson & Skelly
Dublin,	Horner & Simson
B.mena,	H. Henry & Wray
L.kenny,	Allen & Lyttle
Clogher,	Philips & Kerr
Route,	R. Dill & Graham
Monaghan,	Morell & Winning

Presbs.	Minrs.
Tyrone,	Moore & Davison
Armagh,	Bankhead & Arnold

These, with an Elder from each Presbytery, our Moderator & Clerk, are to meet at Belfast, when called by the Moderator on any emergency: fifteen to be a quorum, of whom twelve at least are to be Ministers.

Adjourned. Committees to meet immediately. Open Synod at half-past one o'clock.

Third Session. Wednesday half-past one o'clock,

On the second reading of the report of Templepatrick Presbytery, it was moved and agreed to, that that Presbytery be enjoined to summon Mr Montgomery to attend their next meeting, in order to take such steps as our discipline admits, to bring the offending member to a sense of his duty.

On the second reading of the report of the Presbytery of Dromore, it was moved and agreed to, that that Presbytery be directed to re-consider and finally to decide on Mr Sherrard's case.

Moved that Cookstown be the Synod's place of meeting next year. Belfast was also put in nomination. The Roll was called & Belfast carried. The meeting to take place on the last Tuesday of June next, in the meeting-house of the third Congregation of Belfast. Divine service to begin at five o'clock, afternoon.

Upon reading the Minute of the last year, respecting the Skeleton of a code of discipline &c. which had been laid before this Body, at its meeting, it was moved & agreed to, that the consideration of this business be postponed until next year.

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

Fourth Session. Thursday morning, 7 o'clock.

After prayer, a letter from the boards of Managers & Visitors of the Belfast Academical Institution to the General Synod of Ulster, in in which they detail, for the informotion of the Synod, the various occurrences which have taken place in the Institution, since they last addressed them, was read, together with the documents which were moved for in the first session of this meeting.

Adjourned till a quarter-past 10 o'clock.

Fifth Session. Thursday, a quarter past 10 *o'clock, A.M.*

The Minute of last year on the subject of the petition to the Houses of Lords & Commons against distillation of spirits on the Lord's Day, having been read, Mr McCance, the Moderator of last year, reported, that he had duly forwarded the petitions as directed, by the Synod; that he had received two communications on the subject from the Marquis of Hertford who had been so good as to present the petition to the House of Lords; & that by a letter from Dr Black, written at the desire of Sir George Hill, he had learned that in the absence of Lord Castlereagh, Sir George had been so obliging as to present the Petition to the House of Commons, but that not having arrived until the last day of the business of the Session, it had been presented too late.

Resolved unanimously, that a Committee consisting of the following members, viz, Mr Thomson, Mr Horner, Mr Hanna, Mr Stewart, Mr Cooke, Mr McCance & Mr Johnston, be appointed to prepare new Petitions to both Houses of Parliament, & to take such farther steps as may be likely to carry into effect the wishes of the Synod for preventing distillation of spirits on the Lord's Day.

The Moderator of last year stated, that through Dr Magill, of Glasgow College, he had transmitted a letter, as ordered by the Synod, to the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, to which he had not received any answer.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock.

Sixth Session. Thursday 2 *o'clock, P.M.*

The consideration of the matter relating to the General Assembly, having been resumed, it was moved & agreed to, that no official communication on the subject in question, be made to the Assembly before the next meeting of General Synod.

The Committee for establishing a Professorship of Divinity & Church History in the Belfast Academical Institution reported that they had not been able to hold a meeting, a sufficient number of members to form a quorum not having attended. That they had received remittances from Mr Reid of Ramelton and Mr Watson of Killinchy which they had lodged at interest in the Commercial Bank.

The Committee appointed for the purpose of attending the examination of students of Philosophy in the Belfast Academical Institution made the following report:—

That they have to express their approbation of the progress made by the Students in that Institution—a progress equally honourable to the Professors, & to the young men under their care; & that they consider it a happy omen of the eminence to which that Seminary of learning would yet rise in the literary world.

The following Ministers were then appointed to attend the examinations next year, viz.:—

Mr Hanna	Mr Craig
Mr Cooke	Mr N. Alexander
Mr Montgomery	Mr Stewart
Mr Thomson	Mr Bleakly
Mr Acheson	Mr McCance
Mr Harrison	Mr Wright
Mr Woods	Mr McEwen
Mr R. Hogg	Mr Glendy

Any other Ministers of the Synod who may attend shall have the privilege of sitting & voting with the Committee.

Moved & seconded, that this Synod do provide a sum equal to the support of a Professor of Divinity & Church History, in the Academical Institution, during next winter. To this the following amendment was moved, that instead of endowing a Professorship a Committee be appointed by the Synod to prescribe a course of reading to the Students in theology—that the books, &c., be specified, & young men be examined by Presbyteries as usual.

Neither of these motions having met the approbation of the House, a Committee of the following members, viz., Mr Thomson, Mr Horner, & Mr McCance, was appointed to meet for the purpose of digesting some plan which may be likely to promote the object of establishing a Professorship of divinity& church history in the Belfast Academical Institution to report to the Synod at its next sederunt.

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

Seventh Session. Friday morning, 7 o'clock.

After prayer, the Committee appointed at last sederunt made their report, which is as follows :—

Having maturely considered the subject referred to us at the conclusion of the last Session, we, with great deference, submit the following :—

That the Ministers of the Synod shall provide for the support of a Professor of Divinity & Church History in the Belfast Academical Institution for the first year after his election, & in order to secure this measure, that they request the Agent of Government to stop out of their next half year's bounty the sum of £2 : 10 : from each Minister in the first class, £2 : 0 : 0 from each Minister in the second class, & £1 : 10 : 0 from each Minister in the third class, & to remit the same to a Committee, now to be appointed by the Synod, to be vested by them in one of the Banks, till required.

That after this contribution on the part of the Ministers of the Synod, an application be made by each Minister to his congregation, for such contribution as their circumstances will enable them to give, to be applied to the purpose of supporting the Professor or purchasing a

Library, as the Synod at its next meeting shall direct. This contribution to be made & transmitted to the Committee, on or before the month of March next.

That in case this contribution shall be found insufficient for the support of a Professor, & that circumstances shall warrant the measure, an application shall be subsequently made to Government, for an annual grant for his future support.

That the Committee now to be appointed to receive the contributions of the Ministers & people, be also empowered to write to the Principal of each of the Colleges in Scotland, requesting him with the concurrence of the Professors, to recommend a Person who shall appear to him well qualified to discharge the duties of Divinity Professor in the Belfast Academical Institution; & the election of a Professor shall he made on the 2d Tuesday of September by the Synod, or a Committee now to be appointed by the Synod; & that said Professor, so elected, shall commence his course of Lectures on the 15th of November & continue the same till the 15th of April next.

This report having been read it was moved & seconded, that in order to establish a Professorship of Divinity, & Church history in the Belfast Academical Institution, the ministers in the first class shall contribute £2 : 10 : those in the second, £2 & those in the third £1 : 10 : for this year; & that the Agent for the distribution of his Majesty's Bounty be requested to retain the above mentioned sums out of the next payment of Royal Bounty, & transmit them to the Committee appointed to receive the same.

This motion was agreed to.

The Moderator having signified the request of the Synod, to Dr Black, he replied, that "it gave him pain to refuse any request made by the Synod, but that in the distribution of his Majesty's Bounty, he could be guided only by the instructions of his Majesty's Representative."

Adjourned till a quarter past 10 o'clock.

Eighth Session. Friday a quarter-past 10 *o'clock.*

In consequence of Dr Black having stated that he could not comply with the request of the Synod expressed at last sederunt, it was moved & seconded that this Body shall enjoin the several Presbyteries to exert themselves in collecting from their several members the sums above mentioned, & that the Moderator of each Presbytery shall make a return of the same to the Committee, on or before the first of November next.

Moved as an amendment the above "That various difficulties having occurred in carrying into effect the intentions of this Synod respecting the endowment of a professorship of Divinity & Church History, which appear insurmountable, that measure is relinquished &

the young men who propose to become candidates for the Ministry in the bounds of this Synod are hereby directed to pursue their studies, under the Regulations of 1804 & 1806 until circumstances shall warrant a departure from the system then established.

The Roll be called on the amendment it was negatived by a large Majority. The original motion was then put & carried.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

Ninth Session. Friday, 3 o'clock, P.M.

Against the motion passed at last sederunt Dr Black & Mr James Elder signified their intention of protesting, & promised to assign their reasons in due time.

In accordance with the second suggestion of the committee, it was moved & agreed to that the Elders now present be addressed from the Chair, & warmly pressed to use every exertion in their power, in the Congregations to which they respectively belong, to raise money for the purpose of consolidating a Fund, the interest of which may be applied to the support of a Professorship of Divinity & Church History, in the Belfast Academical Institution; & that the Ministers of the Synod be enjoined to use their influence with their people for this purpose.

The Moderator addressed the Elders accordingly.

Resolved, that the Committee for receiving contributions from the Ministers & Congregations do consist of the following members, viz. :—

Mr Thomson	Mr Cooke
Mr Acheson	Mr Munfoad
Mr Hanna	Mr Boyd
Mr McCance	Mr W. M. Wilson
Mr Montgomery	Mr Shaw

Resolved that Mr Thomson be the Treasurer of this Committee.

Moved & seconded that the election of a Professor be deferred until next meeting of Synod.

Moved as an amendment to the above, that the Synod shall meet on the first Tuesday in November next, for the purpose of electing a Professor of Divinity & Church History to lecture in the Belfast Academical Institution.

On a call of the Roll, the amendment was carried.

Moved & agreed to, that Cookstown be the place of meeting, the hour of meeting 12 o'clock.

Resolved, that the Committee be permitted to advertise in the Newspapers, as they may consider expedient, the object of the above meeting; in order that candidates for the Professorship may offer themselves to the attention of the body, through the Moderator, previous to the meeting—and likewise to make such inquiries & communications as they may judge necessary.

Resolved that the successful candidate for the Professorship shall, upon his being appointed, take the oath of allegiance to his Majesty.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 6 o'clock.

Tenth Session. Saturday morning, 6 o'clock.

After prayer, the Committee appointed to take charge of the Congregation of Clare made their report which is as follows :—

The Committee for the Congregation of Clare report, that some time after the last meeting of Synod, a supplication for a hearing of the Rev. H. Haslett, of the Presbytery of Route, having been presented, they obtained a hearing of him for four sabbaths, on trial, & sent Mr Dobbin afterwards to take the minds of the people with regard to him ; an unanimous call for Mr Haslett, was the pleasing result, but he declined accepting it. The Committee continued to supply the Congregation for some time farther, till the Congregation having heard of the Rev. Francis Dill, ordained Minister of the Presbytery of Route, as a person who might be a suitable Minister for them, requested a hearing of him for two or more sabbaths might be obtained, that they might judge of his ministerial qualifications. A hearing of Mr Dill for two sabbaths on trial was accordingly procured : Mr Dobbin was sent to take the minds of the people with regard to him, & a call nearly unanimous, was drawn up, signed, & forwarded to the Presbytery of Route, to be presented to Mr Dill. The Congregation, having, however, for *some reasons*, requested that Mr Dill might not be required to give an immediate answer to their Call, the Committee have not yet been assured of his mind. In addition to these things they have only to add, that they have endeavoured to have the Congregation regularly supplied, which they have been enabled to do with very few exceptions. And having anxiously & with considerable trouble, so far attended to the important trust reposed in them, they hope not without some success, they beg they may now be exonerated from their charge, & others appointed to attend to it.

It being understood that a Bill concerning the Congregation of Clare will be laid before this Synod, the consideration of this report was deferred until the reading of that Bill.

Mr McCance, the Moderator of last year, stated, that he had applied to the Lord Lieutenant for a portion of his Majesty's Bounty, for the second Congregation of Keady, as directed by last Synod, & that his Excellency had been pleased to order the sum of £50 to be included in the annual estimate, for the minister of that Congregation.

OVERTURES.

I. Overtured & agreed to, that Presbyteries on examining young men, previous to their going to College, or to the Academical Institution, shall give them certificates of their fitness for entering College, signed with the names of all the Ministers who are satisfied with their

proficiency; & that Presbyteries be enjoined not to give certificates to any students of whose learning & qualificalions they are not fully satisfied.

II. Overtured & agreed to, that a certificate of approbation, signed by all the Professors & Teachers in the collegiate department of the Belfast Academical Institution, on a public examination of the students connected with the General Synod of Ulster, at the close of their studies in that seminary, be received in place of a *degree in arts* which the Synod requires from Young men who have studied at the universities; provided that the said certificates shall have the concuring signature of the Moderator of the Synod's Committee of examination, affixed to them, in their name, & by their authority.

Against this overture Dr Black signified his intention of protesting & promised to assign his reasons in due time.

BILLS.

I. A memorial was presented to the Synod from the Committee appointed to conduct the affairs of the intended new erection in Drumlough in the Parish of Dromore, County of Down; in which Memoralists express a wish to obtain the advice & to come under the protection of the Synod & pray that suppliers may be sent to them every Lord's Day.

Moved & seconded that this memorial be dismissed.

This motion having been withdrawn, the following was agreed to—that the Petitioners be referred to the Presbytery of Dromore, & that Mr James Bankhead be invited to sit with the Presbytery in deliberating on this matter.

II. A memorial signed by 20 members of the 2d Congregation of Larne, was presented to the Synod, stating that the conduct of their Pastor, the Rev. James Cochran had rendered his ministry useless amongst them, & his continuation injurious to the interests of religion & praying that Mr Cochran be discontinued from the pastoral charge of their Congregation.

To this a counter-memorial was presented signed by 212 Members of that Congregation, stating, that as Mr Cochran had given them ample satisfaction & full proof of his sincere repentance, they pray that his suspension may be taken off.

A third memorial was presented by Mr Cochran, stating, that he been suspended for seven weeks without any decisive sentence having been passed upon him; that his Congregation have petitioned the Presbytery, for his restoration; but that the affair having been referred to the Synod, he prays that Rev. Body, that he may be restored agreeably to the wishes of his congregation.

The Presbytery of Templepatrick who had been enjoined to reconsider & finally to decide in Mr Cochran's case, reported that they

had come to a decision, against which three of their members had protested.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

Eleventh Session. Saturday 10 *o'clock. A.M.*

The Presbytery of Templepatrick having been heard at great length in explanation of their conduct respecting Mr Cochran, & the Commissioners from both parts of the Congregation, on the subjects of their memorials, it was moved & agreed to, that the conduct of the Presbytery of Templepatrick in Mr Cochran's case, be disapproved of, & that there was ground for appeal.

Moved & seconded that Mr Cochran be suspended "*ab officio, sine die.*"

To this it was moved as an amendment, that while this Synod considers Mr Cochran's conduct deserving of the severest punishment in the power of this house to inflict, yet in consideration of his youth, his former good conduct, & the consequences of degradation or suspension *sine die* to his family, they resolve to suspend him for six months, & so long after as the Presbytery of Templepatrick may deem requisite to satisfy them of his sincere reformation; & that on Sunday the 7th of July next, he be rebuked by a member of the Presbytery in the face of his Congregation.

The amended motion having been withdrawn, & the Roll called on the original motion, it was negatived.

Against this decision, Dr Black, Mr Thomson & others signified their intention of protesting, & promised to assign their reasons in due time.

Moved & seconded, that Mr Cochran be suspended "*ab officio,*" until the meeting of General Synod, in June next & that the Presbytery of Templepatrick do then report to the Synod, on Mr Cochran's conduct within that period of time.

The consideration of this motion was postponed until next sederunt.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till Monday next at 12 o'clock.

Twelfth Session. Monday July 1st 12 *o'clock.*

After prayer, Dr Black, Mr Thomson, & others, gave in their reasons of protest, as promised at last sederunt & are as follows:—

We the undersigned do solemnly protest against the foregoing decision for the following reasons:—

1st Because we consider Mr Cochran's original offence to be of such a nature that it merited at least the punishment of suspension "*sine die.*"

2d Because Mr Cochran highly aggravated his original offence by gross prevarication & wilful deception, when in a most solemn appeal to God, from his own Pulpit, on the Lord's day he declared that he was privately married in May 1815—which declaration he well knew his own Congregation & the Publick at large must understand to mean, that his marriage was privately solemnised by a Clergyman in the usual manner.

3d Because Mr Cochran afterwards acknowledged that the marriage alluded to was celebrated by himself, no witnesses having been present; which if he *believed possible*, indicated a deficiency of *understanding*; which if he *did not believe*, indi[cated] such a want of *integrity*, as proves him, in either case, *totally* disqualified for discharging the duties of the ministerial office.

4th Because although sincere repentance of such crimes would justify Mr Cochran's admission to every *lay privilege* of the Christian Church, we do not consider that it would justify his restoration to the *Ministry*; besides, that of the sincerity of his repentance we have reason to entertain the most serious doubts.

5th Because we consider the interests of religion in general, & the honour of the Synod of Ulster in particular, would be vitally injured by Mr Cochran's continuance in the Gospel Ministry.

Robert Black	John Johnston	Geo. Hay
John Thomson	Richard Dill, Sen	W. M. Wilson, Elder
James Horner	Richard Dill, Jun	A. G. Malcom
Henry Cooke	Samuel Dill	Edward Reid
William Wright	(with the exception	Willm Glendy
Francis Dill	of 4th reason)	Geo. McClelland
H. Henry	Moses Finlay	

The motion made at the close of the last sederunt was then put & carried.

The Presbytery of Dromore reported that in obedience to the order of the Synod, they had reconsidered Mr Sherarrd's case & had farther suspended him for six months. The minutes of the Presbytery of Dromore, respecting Mr Sherrard having been read, & the Presbytery having been heard at considerable length in explanation of their conduct in this case, & after reasoning on the subject for some time, it was moved & agreed to, that the conduct of the Presbytery of Dromore iu this business is highly reprehensible, & that it be disapproved of.

Resolved that a Committee consisting of two Ministers & one Elder from each Presbytery, be appointed to investigate the charges against Mr Sherrard, & to issue the business; & that they be instructed to hear no new charges against Mr Sherrard, unless the individual preferring the same, shall have given at least ten days previous notice to Mr Sherrard of such charges, together with the names of the witnesses who are to support them.

The following Ministers were returned for this Committee by the several Presbyteries :—

William Porter	Henry Montgomery	R. Dill, Junr.
William Dunlop	James Horner	John Brown
And^w McCaldin	Samuel Simson	James Morell
George Hay	Robert Stewart	Patrick Whyte
Henry Cooke	Henry Henry	Robert Hogg
Robert Orr	John Gillespie	David Bennet
James McCullogh	James Neilson	James Davis
Fletcher Bleakly	John Anderson	A. G. Malcom
Robert Acheson	James Philipps	

The Committee to meet at Dromore, on the last Wednesday of July at the hour of 12 o'clock. Five to be a quorum.

The Clerk of the Presbytery of Dromore is ordered to put the minutes of that Presbytery into the hands of the Synod's Clerk at this meeting in order that they may be laid before the Synod's Committee.

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

Thirteenth Session. Tuesday morning, 7 o'clock.

After prayer the Synod having proceeded to consider what farther instructions it was proper to give to the Committee appointed to investigate the charges against Mr Sherrard, it was moved & agreed to, that it is the sense of this Synod that the sentence of disapprobation passed on the Presbytery of Dromore is founded on the clear conviction of the Synod that they should have degraded Mr Sherrard—that the design of sending the Committee to Dromore is merely to afford him an opportunity of defence, & unless he can satisfy them that the transgressions recorded in the Minutes of the Dromore Presbytery are unfounded, it is the duty of the Committee to degrade him.

It having appeared that some flagrant instances of Mr Sherrard's misconduct had come to the knowledge of Messr^s James Bankhead, Patterson, & Davis, these Gentlemen are enjoined to attend the meeting of the Committee & to furnish whatever information they can on this business.

The Presbytery of Dromore are likewise enjoined to attend the Meeting for the same purpose.

Resolved that a respectful letter be written by our Moderator to the Rev. Charles Hamilton, Vicar-General of the Diocese of Dromore, & to the Rev. Holt Waring, requesting them to attend the meeting of the Committee, & furnish them with whatever information they may have in their Power.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

Fourteenth Session. Tuesday 10 *o'clock, A.M.*

III. A memorial was presented from the Congregation of Ballyeaston requesting that they may not be again joined to the Presbytery of Templepatrick, but be united to whatever other Presbytery the Synod may think proper.

Mr Elder & the Commissioners having been heard on the subject of this Memorial, & the Synod having taken it into consideration, it was moved & seconded, that the Congregation of Ballyeaston be joined to the Presbytery of Belfast.

Moved as an amendment, that they be re-united to the Presbytery of Templepatrick. On a call of the Roll the amended motion was carried.

IV. A memorial from the Session & Congregation of Clare was presented to the Synod, in which Memoralists express their gratitude for the care & attention they have experienced from the Committee to which they have been given in charge; & pray the Synod to aid them in providing for a Minister, or to disannex Mr Adams from them, in order that they may be enabled to have a suitable pastor settled among them, who shall receive the Bounty intended for the Minister of their Congregation; & farther, that they may be continued under the care of the Committee who had charge of them for the last year.

The Commissioners having been heard at some length on the subject of their memorial, a Committee of three Members was desired to withdraw with Mr Adams, & the Commissioners, & consult together on this business, with a view of accommodating matters between him & the Congregation of Clare. In the meantime it was thought proper to proceed with the next Bill.

V. A memorial was presented in the name of upwards of 100 families, residing in the village of Ballintrain & its vicinity, in the County of Monaghan, whose names are annexed, with a statement of the stipend which they are able to pay to a Minister amounting to upwards of £50—stating, that Memorialists are connected with the the General Synod, that they live at a distance of more than six Miles from any place of worship under the care of the Synod,—that they have been supplied with preaching by the Ministers of the Presbytery of Monaghan who are favourable to their views—& praying that they may be erected into a Congregation, under the care of the Synod.

The Commissioners having been heard on the subject of this memorial, it was moved & agreed to, that the Presbytery of Monaghan, be enjoined to attend the meeting of Synod in June next, & give such information respecting the numbers, ability & other circumstances of the memoralists, as may enable this Body to judge of the propriety of granting the prayer of their supplication.

The Committee appointed to confer with Mr Adams & the Commissioners of Clare, reported, that notwithstanding their most zealous endeavours, they had not been able to accommodate matters between Mr Adams & the Commissioners.

Moved & agreed to, that the Synod do not see any practicable means of assisting the Congregation of Clare, in their funds at present, & that they do not see reason to dissolve the connexion between Mr Adams & his Congregation.

Moved & seconded that they enjoin Mr Adams and the Congregation of Clare to adhere to the arrangement which was made last year in pecuniary matters.

To this the following amendment was moved—that inasmuch as the offer of Mr Adams last year, did not terminate the business respecting Clare, Mr Adams is exonerated from his proposal of last year; but that it be recommended to Mr Adams to contribute to the support of that Congregation.

The Roll being called, the amended motion was carried.

The above Resolutions having been read to Mr Adams & the Commissioners from Clare, Mr Adams renewed his offer of £30 per Annum to the support of an assistant Minister in Clare, so long as he shall be in the receipt of his Majesty's Bounty; on condition that no farther application shall be made to the General Synod, or any other quarter, on this subject.

The Synod approved of this proposal of Mr Adams.

Resolved, that Mr Adams be enjoined to reside within the bounds of his Congregation.

Resolved, that the Congregation of Clare be continued under the care of the Committee of last year, till the meeting of General Synod in June next.

A Letter from the Proprietors of the Belfast Academical Institution expressing their satisfaction at the late proceedings of the Synod, with respect to their Establishment, & their thanks to the Body, for the steps it has taken to found a Professorship of Divinity & Church History in the Institution, was read, & ordered to be "*in retentis.*"

Mr Thomson having declined to act as Treasurer to the Committee appointed to receive contributions for the establishment of a Professorship in the Institution, Mr Hanna was appointed in his room. Mr Thomson was then appointed Chairman of that Committee & it was ordered to meet immediately after the business of the Interloquitur shall be concluded.

The Moderator concluded the Synod with Prayer.

INTERLOQUITUR.

A sta[te]ment of the receipt and payments of his Majesty's Royal Bounty for the year ended the 29th September 1815, was submitted to the Interloquitur, & found correct & satisfactory.

The accounts of the Widows' fund for the year ended the 1st October, 1815, were in like manner submitted, & on examination found correct.

After some discussion on the subject, Mr Bankhead withdrew the motion of which had given notice last year.

The Committee appointed by the Interloquitur of last year for the purpose of corresponding with Dr Black & the Trustees respecting the securities of the Widows Fund, reported, that they had several communications with Dr Black & Mr Horner & that in consequence they are fully persuaded of the propriety of adhering to the resolution of the Interloquitur "that all the Capital of the Widows' Fund, should be vested in real landed security."

Moved & agreed to, that the proceedings of the Committee be approved of; but that after a minute examination of the securities of Fund, we are satisfied of its present safety, & think it neither prudent nor necessary to carry the resolution of last year into immediate effect.

Resolved that the Ministers of the Synod's fixed Committee, together with Dr Bruce & Mr Carley from the Presbytery of Antrim, be a Committee for superintending the affairs of the Widows' Fund for one year—This Committee to meet in Cookstown, when called on any emergency. Five to be a quorum.

Resolved that Mrs Grey, widow of Charles Grey, late Minister of Castlereagh, be an annuitant on the Fund.

Resolved that Dr Black be instructed to lend the present balance on landed security.

Resolved that the Annuity to the widows for this year be £40.

Inserted the 18th day of October 1816 by (in consequence of the decease of the Clerk)

* ROBERT BLACK,

from the printed copy certified by the Rev. A. G. Malcom, acting Clerk for 1816.

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* A line has been drawn through Dr. Black's name.

[*Special meeting of Synod at Cookstown, 5th November*, 1816.]

At a special meeting of the General Synod of Ulster held at Cookstown on the 5th of November 1816, according to appointment; Mr Stewart, the Moderator, having constituted by prayer, there were present from the several presbyteries, the following members:—

Minrs.	Elders.
Route Presbytery.	
Robt. Rentoul	Wm. Wilson
James Elder	John Greer
Mattw. Elder	
Jas. Brown	
Francis Dill	
Saml. Dill	
Chas. Kennedy	Alexr. Clarke
Solomon Brown	Robt. McCrory
Jas. Dunlop	
Richd. Dill	Robt. Morell
John Brown	John Hunter
Wm. Lyle	
Jackson Graham	
Saml. Butler	John Kane
Monaghan Presbytery.	
Jas. Gowdy	John Gowdy
Jas. Morell	Alexr. Waddel
Arch. Meharg	
Patk. White	
James Harpur	
Robt. Campbell	Robt. Johnston
Tyrone Presbytery.	
Wm. Moore	Thos. Sloan
Thos. Mackay	Hugh White
John Davison	Josias Fleming
John Cowan	Robt. Hutcheson
Robt. Hogg	
David Bennet	Thos. Hamilton
Wm. Brown	
Robt. Cunningham	
Jas. Wilson	John Ekin
Robt. Allen	Robt. Creighton
Joshua Willis	George Whiteside
John Hogg	George McCleland
Armagh Presbytery.	
Joseph Jenkins	James Kydd

Minrs.	Elders.
Strabane Presbytery.	
Wm. Dunlop	Hugh Houston
Jas. Henderson	
Chas. Hemphill	John Hemphill
Wm. Porter	William Moody
David Gilkey	John Orr
Wm. McCrea	
John McFarland	Saml. Matthews
Derry Presbytery.	
Doctor Black	Henry McClintock
Henry Elder	Saml. Cuthbertson
Richd. Dill	
Jas. Canning	
David Hamilton	
Jas. Allison	John Gilfilland
Wm. Monteith	Hugh Mills
Mattw. Heron	
John Mitchel	Henry Haslett
Geo. Hay	James McCrea
Reuben Rogers	
Andw. McCaldin	
Jas. A. Johnson	Jas. Stevenson
Templepatrick Presbytery.	
John Savage	Robt. Lockart
Adam Hill	Hugh Hetherington
Robt. Orr	Thos. Hunter
Thos. Alexander	
Robt. Campbell	James Blow
Nat. Alexander	Langford Manderson
Henry Cooke	Wm. Baird
Wm. Glendy	John Allen
Dromore Presbytery.	
Ham. Dobbin	James Boyd
Wm. Wright	Robt. Gardner
Wm. McEwen	Sidney H. Rowan
John Johnston	Hugh Lockhart

Minrs.	Elders.
Belfast Presbytery.	
Saml. Hanna	Jas. Munfoad
Saml. Watson	Thos. Osborne
Jas. McCullogh	
Jas. Riddal	
Fletcher Blakely	Wm. Gamble
John Hanna	
Wm. Harrison	
Henry Haslet	
Bangor Presbytery.	
Robt. Acheson	Wm. Boyd
John Mulligan	
Andw. Goudie	
Hugh Woods	Henry Andrews
Henry Montgomery	Walter Roberts
David White	
Wm. Finlay	Jas. Russel
Wm. Skelly	
Dublin Presbytery.	
James Horner	
James Carlile	
Ballimena Presbytery.	
Thos. Henry	Thomas Allison
Henry Henry	John Brownlees
John Smith	Aaron Workman
Robt. Stewart	Robert Estler

Minrs.	Elders.
Letterkenny Presbytery.	
John Holmes	
Wm. Ramsay	
Jas. McClintock	John Hamilton
Jas. Houston	David Rogers
Joseph Little	
Saml. Cuthbertson	Wm. Johnstone
Edward Reid	John Fullarton
Jas. Nelson	
John Gillespie	
Thos. Kernaghan	Hugh Stewart
John Allen	
Henry Carson	Carey McCleland
Clogher Presbytery.	
James Ker	Wm. Buchanan
John Sampson	Foster Scott
Jas. Philips	
John Anderson	

From congregations whose ministers have not attended written appointments were produced by the following Elders:—

Archd. Aston	from Clare
John Davis	,, Drumquin
John Moore	,, Ardstraw
John McCleland	,, Boveva
Richd. Cunningham	,, Burt
Wm. Maxwell Wilson	,, Cumber(Down)
Doctor Patrick	,, Ballimena
Joseph McCrory	,, Antrim

Death of Mr Cuming

The Moderator having stated that the Rev. Thomas Cuming was dead; Doctor Black was requested to call the Roll.

Wood Haslet offered himself as an Elder from the Congregation of Larne, and produced a written appointment signed by the session Clerk—His admisson was resisted on the ground of his not being an Elder—The Roll was called "admit" or "not" and it carried "not."

It was moved and seconded that the Rev. George Hay be appointed Clerk to the Synod, in the room of the late Revd Thomas Cuming.

To this it was moved as an amendment that all the words of the foregoing motion except the word "that" be expunged, and the two following resolutions inserted in their place.

Salary for 1 year continued to Mr Cuming's Family

1st. That the salary attached to the Clerkship be continued for the current year to the family of the late Clerk—This Resolution passed without opposition.

2nd. That the election of a Clerk be deferred till the next Annual Meeting of Synod; and that Mr Campbell act as Clerk in the interim. The Roll being called this Resolution was negatived—Against this decision, Mr McEwen and others signified their intention of protesting, and said they would assign their reasons in due time.

Protest against the election of a Clerk at the present meeting

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at eight o'clock.

Second Session, Wednesday, 8 o'clock. A.M.

After prayer, the consideration of the motion of last sederunt being resumed, it was moved and seconded, "that the Rev. William Porter be appointed Clerk." It was also moved and seconded, "that the Rev. Henry Montgomery be appointed Clerk" It was also moved and seconded "that the Rev. William McEwen be appointed Clerk." It was also moved and seconded. "that the Rev. John Johnstone be appointed Clerk."

Mr Johnstone, Mr Montgomery, and Mr McEwen, declined being canditates for the present, on the ground, of their considering this meeting not competent to elect.

Mr Hay and Mr Porter being thus the only candidates, a question arose previous to the calling of the Roll respecting the right of the Presbytery of Antrim to vote in the choice of a Clerk.—It was submitted "have they a right" or "not."—The Roll was called, and it was carried in the affirmative.

Presbty of Antrim admitted to vote in choice of a Clerk to the Synod

Adjourned till twelve o'clock.

Third Session Wednesday, 12 o'clock.

The question respecting the choice of a Clerk was resumed. After some discussion the Roll was called, and Mr Porter chosen.

Mr Porter chosen Clerk

Mr McEwen and others gave in their reasons of protest against the decision of yesterday in favour of electing a Clerk, at this meeting, which are as follows:—

Reasons of Protest

Cookstown, Novr 6th 1816.

We the undersigned protest against the election of a Clerk, to the General Synod of Ulster at this meeting for the following reasons:—

1st Because so far as precedent serves to regulate our procedure in this business, it appears that no such appointment (as far as we know) has taken place, except at an annual meeting of the General Synod of Ulster, or at a meeting convened for the express and avowed purpose of electing a Clerk.

2nd Because from the general impression which this uniform practice has produced in the body at large, not only individuals, but a

great majority of several Presbyteries, have not attended this meeting —a circumstance which precludes the possibility of ascertaining the general sense of the Synod of Ulster, by a vote taken at present relative to the Clerkship of the Synod.

3rd Because we have been assembled at this time, solely to discharge a particular and specific duty, prescribed at the annual meeting of the General Synod of Ulster in July last; for the discharge of which we are accountable to the Synod at our next meeting in June next and beyond which we have neither warrant nor authority to proceed—Signed by

			Elders
Wm McEwen	Joseph Jenkins	Hugh Woods	James Kydd
Wm Skelly	Patk. White	Fletcher Blakely	Thos Osborne
David White	Andw Goudie	Robt Campbell	John Gowdy
Wm Harrison	Saml Watson	Robt Acheson	John Patrick
Wm Finlay	John Mulligan	Robt Orr	S. H. Rowan
Jno. Anderson	Ham. Dobbin	John Smith	Wm Boyd
Hen. Montgomery	Jas. Gowdy	N. Alexander	James Blow

Synod adjourned till 4 o'clock.

Fourth Session, Wednesday, 4 o'clock, P.M.

Moved and unanimously agreed to, that the thanks of the Synod be returned to Doctor Black, for the kind and correct manner in which he has performed the duties of Clerk "*pro tempore.*"

Report of the Comtee for establishing a Professorship of Divinity in B A. Institution

The Committee for establishing a Professorship of Divinity and Church History in the Belfast Academical Institution, gave in a Report of their proceedings which was ordered to be held by the Clerk *in retentis.*

Moved and unanimously agreed to, that the thanks of the Synod be given to the Committee, and particularly to Mr Munfoad who acted as their Clerk, for the zeal and propriety with which they have discharged the trust reposed in them.

The following communication was received by the Moderator, and ordered to be inserted in the minutes.

Communication from the Managers &c of B.A. Institution

"The Joint Boards of Managers and Visiters of the Belfast Academical Institution beg leave most respectfully to acquaint the Rev. the General Synod of Ulster, that a deputation from their body, was appointed to wait on the Right Honble Lord Viscount Castlereagh, for the purpose of soliciting his Lordship's influence with his Majesty's Government in aid of its funds—and that during the conference which took place on that occasion, his Lordship deprecated the measure of connecting the Synod of Ulster with the Institution, as proposed at the present time. His Lordship said, he considered the measure premature, owing to the Institution not being of sufficient standing to warrant such a connection, and to the Synod not having apprized Government of such being their intention—that the Synod did not act

with becoming respect to his Majesty's Government, in withholding from them their intention of appointing a Professor of Divinity to lecture in the Institution, and resolving to accept of certificates from a Committee of their own body, in lieu of a degree of A.M. from a regular college. In his opinion, such a measure if adopted, would be deemed an act of hostility by his Majesty's Government—and his Lordship recommends to the Synod, that no such appointment should be made at present. When the Institution has been matured, such a connection may become a measure of adjustment between Government and the Synod. His Lordship requested it may be understood that the above sentiments are his as an individual, without any reference whatever to those of his Majesty's Government."

The Boards submit the foregoing to the consideration of the Rev. Synod; and beg leave to assure them, that it would be matter of extreme regret to the Boards, should any circumstance arise to lessen the confidence and harmony which ought always to exist between his Majesty's Government and the Synod of Ulster.

Signed by order

JOSEPH STEVENSON, Secty.

Institution Buildings
Sat. 2nd Novr 1816.

The Synod adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Fifth Session, Thursday 8 *o'clock, A.M.*

After prayer, some discussion took place on the business of yesterday morning.

Adjourned till half-past 10 o'clock.

Sixth Session, Thursday half-past 10 *o'clock, A.M.*

The consideration of the establishment of a Professorship of Divinity and Church History in the Belfast Academical Institution being resumed, it was moved and seconded, that the Rev. Samuel Hanna be appointed Professor. Divinity Professorship

To this it was moved as an amendment, that inasmuch as only one candidate has been named, and as several individuals have been recommended as competent to discharge the duties of the intended Professorship, who from the Committee being unable to offer security as to the amount and permanency of the emoluments of the office, have not appeared as candidates on the present occasion—therefore the Synod thinks it right, to defer the appointment of a Professor till its next meeting in June, and exhorts all its members to continue in the meantime their exertions to raise the sum requisite for carrying the proposed measure into effect. This amendment was carried by a large majority. Election of a Professor delayed

By desire of Doctor Black, it was ordered to be inserted in the minutes, that he concurred in delaying the appointment of a Professor, but dissented from the subesquent part of the foregoing amendment.

Deputation to Ld Castlereagh

In consequence of the communication from the Managers and Visitors of the Belfast Academical Institution, it was moved and agreed to, that a deputation consisting of the following members, the Moderator, Mr McCance, Mr Nat. Alexander, and Mr McEwen, Ministers, and Mr Sidney Hamilton, Rowan, and Mr William Maxwell Wilson, Elders, be appointed to wait on Lord Viscount Castlereagh on the earliest day possible, and explain to his Lordship the principles which have guided this Body in forming a connexion with the Belfast Academical Institution.

Mr Porter was requested to transmit to each Presbytery, a written copy of the minutes of this Synod.

Synod concluded with prayer.

Inserted December 1st 1816

WILLIAM PORTER Clk. Genl Synod.

A General Synod at Belfast, June 24th, 1817 (Seventeen.)

The Rev. Robert Stewart, Moderator, having preached from Col. 3d Ch. 12th and 13th verses, constituted the Synod by prayer. The following members were present:—

Minrs.	Elders.
Derry Presbytery.	
Doctor Black	
Wm. Monteith	
Mattw. Heron	
John Mitchel	Henry Haslet
George Hay	
Andw. McAldin	
Jas. A. Johnson	
Templepatrick Presby.	
John Bankhead	Robt. McBride
John Savage	Dr. Foresythe
Adam Hill	
Robert Orr	J. Montgomery
John Murphy	A. Cameron
Robt. Campbell	Jas. Blow
Nat. Alexander	J. Wilson
Henry Cooke	Jas. Owen
Wm. Glendy	
Saml. Elder	Wm. Speer
Dromore Presbytery.	
James Birch	
John Thomson	Jas. Simpson
John Mcleland	
John McCance	Wm. M. Wilson
Alexr. Patterson	Davd. Lindsay
Ham. Dobbin	Jas. Boyd
Wm. Wright	Saml. Waterworth
Moses Finlay	
Hugh McAlister	
Wm. McGowan	
John Johnstone	Hu. Lockhart
Jas. McCleland	Wm. Davison
John White	Gilbt. Adams
Jas. B. Black	E. B. Gilmour
Jas. Collins	Robt. Stewart
Belfast Presbytery.	
Saml. Hanna	Jas. Munfoad
Saml. Watson	
Henry Simpson	Adam Boyd
Jas. McCullogh	Hugh Boyd
Jas. Riddal	John Hunter
Fletcher Blakely	Gawin Orr
John Hanna	Thos. Hill
Belfast Presbytery—continued.	
Wm. Harrison	Jos. Harrison
Henry Haslet	John McNair
Bangor Presbyty.	
Jas. Sinclair	Henry Millar
Robt. Acheson	Wm. Boyd
John Watson	John Cooper
Wm. Moreland	Thos. Gelston
John Mulligan	Jas. Lunn
Andw. Goudie	R. McCracken
Hugh Woods	Robt. Allen
Hen. Montgomery	Walter Roberts
Wm. Finlay	Saml. Carson
David White	Jos. Russel
Wm. Skelly	J. F. Catherwood
William Campbell	
Dublin Presbyty.	
Jas. Horner	
Jas. Carlile	
Saml. Simpson	
Ballimena Presbyty.	
Thomas Henry	Jas. Moore
Henry Henry	Jno. Brownlees
John Smith	
John Hall	
Robt. Stewart	Adam Duffin
Geo. Mcleland	
Robt. Park	Jas. Boyle
Letterkenny Presbty.	
No member attended.	
Clogher Presbty.	
Jacob Scott	
John Anderson	Dav. Coulter
Route Presbty.	
Robt. Rentoul	Wm. Wilson
Jas. Elder	Ben. Griffith
Mattw. Elder	

Route Presbyty.—continued.

James Brown
John Whiteside
Jas. Dunlop
Richard Dill — David Cather
James Huey
John Brown
Jackson Graham

Monaghan Presbty.

Mattw. Trumble

Tyrone Presbty.

Doctor Dickson
David Bennet — Jas. Shaw
Robt. Cunningham
Robt. Allen — Robt. Creighton

Armagh Presbty.

Jas. Bankhead — Robt. Dickson
A. G. Malcom
Bobt. Adams
James Davis — Henry Stirling
James Gardner

Strabane Presbty.

Wm. Dunlop — Jas. Orr
Wm. Porter — Wm. Moody
David Gilkey
Wm. McCrea

Elders from Congregations either vacant or whose Ministers have not attended.

John Mcleland — from Boveva
Wm. Fleming — ,, Cookstown
Henry Weaver — ,, Killileagh
Wm. Cavan — ,, C.Dawson
Wm. Craig — ,, Buckna

Mr Alexander Modrtor

Mr Stewart having moved that a Moderator be chosen for the present year, the following Ministers were put in nomination, Messrs Monteith, N. Alexander, McAlister, Henry Simpson, J. Watson, S. Simpson, Park, Cunningham, Malcom, Gilkey, and J. Elder. The Roll was called and Mr Alexander chosen.

Moved and unanimously agreed to, that Mr Porter who was elected Clerk of the Synod at the late special meeting in Cookstown, be now continued.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, and to prepare lists to be given in to the Clerk to-morrow morning of the members appointed by them for the Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, and General Synod's Fixed Committee—an account of such ministers as have died, been ordained, or installed; of such candidates as have been licensed, or entered on trials, and of such students, as have been examined previous to their going to College & after their return, since the last annual meeting of Synod; a report of their annuitants on the Fund, of any that have died during the last year, and of the time of their decease; and such other returns as our regulations require.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Second Session, Wed: Morng 10 *o'clock.*

Dr Stevenson

After prayer, it was moved and seconded, that the name of Dr Stevenson, formerly minister of Greyabbey, be inserted in the roll of the Synod. The Roll was called and the motion negatived.

Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of the members appointed by them for the several Committees, also the following Reports:—

Derry Presbytery report, that they have entered on first trials Mr Robert Thompson; have licensed to preach the Gospel Messrs Mills and Gilfilland; have on the Fund, Mrs Walker, Mrs Patten, Mrs Scott, Mrs Law, and Family of Mr Kyle. 5 Annuitants

Templepatrick Presbytery report, that they examined previous to their going to College, for the the first time, Messrs Erskine and Dogherty, and Mr Erskine on his return; Messrs McKee and Blair on their return from College the second time, and Messrs Shaw and Crawford on their return the third time—Have on the Fund Mrs Gibson, Mrs Montgomery, and Mrs Thompson.—The Rev. James Cochrane's conduct since the last annual meeting of Synod, has been such as to meet the entire approbation of the Presbytery. 3 Annuitants Mr Cochrane's Conduct

Dromore Presbytery report, that they ordained Mr James Birch Black at Dromara, as Assistant and successor to the Rev. James Birch, on the 30th of July, and Mr James Collins, as minister of the second Congregation of Dromore on the 17th of September, 1816, who both subscribed the Westminister Confesssion of Faith, and are Contributors to the Widows' Fund. They report that the Rev. W. D. H. McEwen, relinquished the charge of the congregation of Killileagh on the 16th of April last. Since the last annual meeting of Synod, they have licensed to preach the Gospel Messrs Wm Adair, James Gardner, David Watson, and Willm Wier, who all subscribed the Westminster Confession of Faith, according to order. They have on the Fund, Mrs Hay, (residing in the County Donegal) Mrs Thompson and daughter, Mrs Magee, Mrs Barber, Mrs Little, Mrs Patrick, and Mrs Waddell. 7 Annuitants

Belfast Presbytery report, that they ordained Mr Henry Haslet in the congregation of Castlereagh on the 24th September 1816, who subscribed the Westminster Confession of Faith, and is a contributor to the widows' Fund: that they have licensed Messrs McCormick, Harrison, and James & Alexander Heron, who subscribed the Westminster Confession of Faith: that they examined Messrs Neilson and Johnson on their return from College the third and fourth times, and Messrs Moore, Shaw, Wallace Hunter, Cleland and Alexr Orr on their return the first time: that they examined Mr Saml Armour previous to his going to College the first time: and that they have withdrawn his license to preach from Mr John McKane formerly a probationer under their care—Have on the Fund Mrs Kennedy, Mrs McEwen, Mrs Rowan, Mrs Kelburne, Mrs Henry, Mrs Harrison and Mrs Grey. Mr Haslet ordained in C.reagh Mr McKane's License withdrawn 7 Annuitts

Bangor Presbytery report that they examined Mr Colquehoun previous to his going to College—have on first trials Mr David Thom, and on extrajudicial trials Mr Hugh Greenfield: that Dr Dickson requested to be readmitted a member of the Presbytery of Bangor, and having produced ample credentials from the the Presbytery of Tyrone was re-admitted accordingly—They have on they Fund Mrs Hull, now in America, Mrs Patterson, Mrs Bryson, Mrs Porter, Mrs Arnold, Mrs Caldwell, and Mrs Robert Porter. Dr Dickson 7 Annts

3 Annuitⁿ

Dublin Presbytery report, that they have on the Fund Mrs Wilson, Mrs Caldwell, and Mrs Cochrane.

Rev. M. Elder suspended *sine die*

Ballimena Presbytery report that the Rev. Matthew Elder resigned the pastoral charge of the congregation of Denain on the 7th of January, and on the 10th of May 1817 was suspended *ab officio sine die*, for breach of trust and falsehood; that on the 18th of March 1817 they ordained to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Ballimoney the Rev. Robert Park, who is a contributor to the Widows' Fund—that they have licensed to preach the gospel, Messrs Boyd and Anderson; received on first trials Robert Magill and Marshal Moore, and examined Mr Reafield previous to his going to College the third time, and after his return—and Messrs Allison, Montgomery, Rogers and Thomson previous to their going the second time and Montgomery and Thomson on their return—have on the Fund, Mrs Lindsay, Mrs Howard, Mrs Brown, Mrs Mitchel, and the Families of Messrs Hamilton and Park.

Mr Park ordnd B.money

7 Annts

Letterkenny Presbytery report, that they examined previous to their going to College the first time Messrs Allen Russel and Johnstone, Mr Steel on his return for the first, and Mr Reid on his return for the third time—that they have entered on first trials Mr Allison, and licensed Mr David Rogers in October 1816, to preach the Gospel—on the 16th of July last, they suspended for four months the Rev. Thomas Leech for twice celebrating Marriage irregularly—have on the Fund Mrs Delap Mrs Burke and Mrs Allen.

Mr Leech suspended

3 Annts

Clogher Presbytery report, that in February last, they licensed Mr John Hamilton to preach the Gospel, that they have entered on first trials Messrs Archibald Armstrong and James McWilliams after having undergone the prescribed examinations on their return from College the fourth time—and have examined Andw Clements on his return the second time. Have on the Fund Mrs Moorhead.

1 Annt

Route Presbytery report, that they examined James McCartney Smith, James McAnaul, Robert Martin, and James Whiteside McKay previous to their going to College—George Whiteside and Joseph King Bellis on their return from College the first season; and William Nelson, John McLaughlin and Andrew Mitchel on their return the second season—that they have licensed to preach the Gospel Messrs Wm Cavan, James Irvine, and John Greer who subscribed the Westminister Confession of Faith—have on first trials Mr Joseph Scott, and on second trials Mr John Patterson—Have on the Fund Mrs Gaston, Mrs Smyly, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Elder, Mrs Davis, Mrs Simpson, Mrs Macmullan, Mrs Glasgow, Mrs Blair, Mrs Fullarton, Mrs Greer and Family, Mrs Mcleland, Mrs McFarland, Mrs Logan, and Family of Mr Thompson.

15 Annts

Deaths of Mr Wilson and Mr Stewart

Mr Kennedy ordained Corboy

Monaghan Presbytery report, that the Rev. James Wilson died on the 27th of September 1816, leaving a widow and family, and the Rev. Thomas Stewart on the 10th December 1816 leaving a family—that in November last they licensed Mr Thomas Kennedy to preach the Gospel, that on the 17th of May last, they ordained him in the Congregation of Corboy, and that he is a contributor to the Widows' Fund—that in May last they examined Mr James Shannon after his

second return from College, and entered on first trials Messrs Andrew Breaky and John Agnew. Have on the Fund Mrs Warnock, Mrs Smith, Mrs Whiteside, Mrs Moore, Mrs Montgomery, Mrs Rogers who resides in Dublin, Mrs Wilson, and Family of Mr Stewart. 8 Annts

Tyrone Presbytery report, that on the 1st of August last, they licensed Messrs Sinclair, Hutcheson, Hamilton, and John and Francis McGowan to preach the Gospel—have entered on first trials Mr Brewer —have examined previous to their going to College the first time James Sinclair and Thomas McCormick, to whom certificates were given according to synodical order—that they have also examined Thomas Dougal on his return from College the first time, and James Collins and James Morgan on their return the second time. Have on the Fund, Mrs Stitt, Mrs Boylan, Mrs Dougal, Mrs Simpson, Mrs Chambers, and Family of Mr Stewart. 6 Annts

Armagh Presbytery report, that the Rev. Thomas Cuming died on the 19th of August 1816 leaving a widow and Family—that they have on second trials Mr Samuel Eccles. Have on the Fund, Mrs Thom, Mrs Cuming, and the family of Mr Shaw. Death of Mr Cuming 3 Annts

Strabane Presbytery report, that in May last they examined Mr Alexander on his return from College the second time—have on first trials Mr Love. On the Fund Mrs Turbitt, Mrs Hamill and Mrs Anderson. 3 Annts

Antrim Presbytery report, that on the 27th of May 1816, they installed the Rev. William D. H. McEwen in the second congregation of Belfast—that they have on the Fund Mrs Crumbie, Mrs Vance, Mrs Nevin, Mrs Sinclair, and the families of Messrs Wightman, Marshal, and Bryson. Mr McEwen installed 7 Annts

General Synod's Fixed Committee for 1817.

Presbs.		Minrs.
Derry,	Messrs	Monteith & Allison
T.patrick,	,,	Cooke & Glendy
Dromore,	,,	Thomson & McCance
Belfast,	,,	Harrison & Haslet
Bangor,	,,	Finlay & White
Dublin,	,,	Horner & Simpson
B.mena,	,,	Smith & McCleland
L.kenny,		No return
Clogher,	,,	Philips and Kerr

Presbs.	Minrs.
Route,	Messrs Jno. Brown & Graham
Monaghan,	,, Morell & White
Tyrone,	,, Moore & Davison
Armagh,	,, Davis & Jenkins
Strabane,	,, McFarlane & Armar

These with an Elder from each Presbytery, our Moderator and Clerk, are to meet at Belfast when called by the Moderator on any emergency—fifteen to be a quorum, of whom twelve at least are to be ministers.

Adjourned. Committees to meet immediately. Open Synod at two o'clock.

Third Session, Wednesday 2 o'clock afternoon.

Mr Montgomery

The minute of last year enjoining the Presbytery of Templepatrick to summon Mr Montgomery to attend their ensuing meeting, in order to take with respect to him, such steps as our discipline requires, being read, the Presbytery reported that Mr Montgomery had regularly attended their meetings during the past year.

Moved that Belfast be the place of the Synod's meeting next year. Armagh was also put in nomination. The Roll was called and Belfast carried. The meeting to take place on the last Tuesday of June next, in the Meeting-house of the third congregation of Belfast. Divine service to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

Code of Discipline

On reading the minute of last year respecting "The Skeleton of a Code of Discipline, &c.," it was moved, that the Committee to whom this business was intrusted, shall proceed to fill up the *first* part of the skeleton, which relates *exclusively to Discipline*: that they shall revise the *second* part, containing "An outline of a Directory, &c.," and submit the whole to the Synod at its next meeting.

To this it was moved as an amendment, that no farther steps be taken in the preparation of the Code. The Roll being called this amendment was negatived. The original motion was then put and carried.

Petition against Distillation

The Committee appointed to manage the Petition to the House of Lords and Commons against Distillation on the Sabbath, stated that they had prepared a Petition as directed, and given it to a Gentleman to be carried to the special meeting of Synod at Cookstown in order to have signatures affixed to it, but that it was accidentally lost by the way. Ordered that the Committee shall prepare another petition and have it ready for signatures on Friday morning.

Respecting the application to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, to which an answer had not last year been returned, Mr McCance stated that he had since received a letter from Dr Gill, Moderator of the Assembly. The letter was read, and the consideration of this business deferred till next sederunt.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Fourth Session, Thursday Morning 7 o'clock.

Moved and seconded that no answer be returned to the letter from the General Assembly.

To this it was moved as an amendment, that an answer be prepared by the following Committee, Messrs Thomson, Hanna, Horner, and James Bankhead.

After some discussion, the Synod adjourned till ten o'clock.

Fifth Session, Thursday Morning 10 o'clock.

The consideration of the correspondence with the General Assembly being resumed, the amendment proposed at last sederunt was agreed to, and the Committee was ordered to submit to the Synod before its conclusion, an answer to the letter from Dr Gill.

The Committee appointed by the Synod of last year, to attend the examination of students in the B.A. Institution, made the following Report:—

"Belfast April 29th 1817.

"At a meeting of the Committee appointed by the General Synod of Ulster to attend the examination of students under their care, in the B.A. Institution—present

R. Stewart Modrtor	H. Montgomery	H. Cooke
John Thomson	Robt Acheson	Wm Glendy
Saml Hanna	J. McCance	Wm Harrison
Nat. Alexander	F. Blakely	

"Having attended examinations, by Professor Knight in Natural Philosophy, and by Professor Young in Moral Philosophy—Ordered, that our Moderator do join the Professors in granting certificates to the following students, viz., In Natural Philosophy, to James Templeton, James Morgan, James Collins, and Samuel Crawford.

"In Moral Philosophy, to Joseph Bell, James Shannon, Thomas Dryall, Wm Blair, Alexander Orr, Andrew Clements, Hugh Rogers, Wm Ellison and Wm Hunter.

"April 30th—The Committee attended examinations on Logic by Professor Cairns, on Greek and Latin by Mr O'Beirne, and on Mathematics, by Professor Thompson. Ordered, that our Moderator do join in granting certificates to the following students, viz.

"In Logic, to Wm Erskine, Wm Moore, and James Makay. In Greek and Latin, to William Erskine and James Makay.

"In Mathematics, to Andrew Clements, Hugh Rogers, James Shannon, and Joseph Bell.

"May 1st—James Templeton, James Morgan, James Collins, and Samuel Crawford, having been re-examined by the several Professors, and also by the Synod's Committee, on Latin, Greek, Logic, Moral Philosophy, Natural Philosophy, and Mathematics—Ordered that our Moderator do join with the Professors of the B.A. Institution in granting to the students so re-examined, the General Certificate required by Synodical regulations in place of a Degree in Arts.

"The Committee feel much pleasure in reporting to the Synod, their approbation of the general progress in their studies made by the students of the Institution to whom they have granted certificates. They regret to have farther to report, that two students were judged unqualified to receive certificates; and with the greatest deference, they beg leave to recommend to Presbyteries, a strict attention to the qualifications of such young men, as are by them authorized to go to College.

Extracted by

HENRY COOKE, Clerk of the Comtee.

The following Ministers are appointed a Committee of examination for the ensuing year, viz.:—

Mr N. Alexander Modrtr	Mr Acheson	Mr Blakely
,, McCance	,, Woods	,, Wright
,, S. Hanna	,, Harrison	,, Glendy
,, Cooke	,, Thomson	,, Davis
,, H. Montgomery	,, R. Stewart	,, Jas. Bankhead

Any other Minister of the Synod who may attend, shall have the privilege of sitting and voting with the Committee.

Against the resolution of last year, enjoining the several Presbyteries to collect from their Ministers certain specified contributions to support for one year a Professor of Divinity in the B.A. Institution Dr Black and others gave in the following reasons of protest:—

We dissent because we consider the whole plan of which the resolution agreed to forms a part, as ill calculated to attain its professed object, unlikely to be followed by beneficial results; and tending to distract the minds of parents and guardians in directing the studies of young men intended for the ministry in this Synod.

Robert Black Adam Hill
James Elder Jas. McCullogh

Synod adjourned till 3 o'clock.

Sixth Session, Thursday Afternoon 3 o'clock.

The minutes of the Special meeting of Synod at Cookstown were read.

Adverting to the resolution continuing for the current year to Mrs Cuming and her family, the salary attached to the Clerkship, it was stated by Dr Black, that Mrs Cuming and her family had authorized him to express in the warmest terms, their sense of this mark of esteem and respect for the memory of Mr Cuming; and at the same time to add, that they must beg leave to decline the acceptance of it, conceiving that the salary attached to the Clerkship, belongs of right to the person who does the duties of the office.

On this, it was moved and agreed to, that in order to perpetuate the respect which this Body entertains for the memory of their late Clerk, the several Presbyteries be requested to enter forthwith into a voluntary subscription; the amount of which shall be forwarded to the Rev John Thomson, and that our Moderator, Mr Thomson, and Mr Horner, shall expend the sum so subscribed, in the purchase of a piece of Plate, to be presented, with a suitable inscription, to Mrs Cuming and her family.

The Deputation appointed at the special meeting in Cookstown to wait on Lord Castlereagh, for the purpose of explaining the principles which guided this Synod in forming a connexion with the B.A. Institution, gave in a written report of their conference with his Lordship. Being asked, whether they had anything to add to this statement, the Deputation mentioned several facts, which were deemed so important, that they were requested to commit them to writing in addition to their original report.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Seventh Session, Friday Morng 7 o'clock.

An address from the Managers and Visitors of the B.A. Institution was presented to the Synod by Messrs Wm Tennent, W. D. H. McEwen, Adam McClean, Wm Boyd, and Robert McCluney, who were authorized to give such information respecting the Institution as the Synod may require.

The above Gentlemen handed to the Moderator a copy of a letter from the Right Honourable Robert Peel, secretary to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, addressed to the Secretary of the B.A. Institution, and dated London March 10th 1817, and also a copy of certain resolutions relative to said letter, passed at a special meeting of the Proprietors of the Institution, held on the 3rd of April 1817, both of which papers were read, and ordered to be held *in retentis.*

A letter was also read, addressed to the Moderator by certain students in the B.A. Institution, praying the Synod to adopt such measures as may enable them to complete their Collegiate Education in that Seminary.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

Eighth Session, Friday Morng. 10 *o'clock.*

The Deputation appointed at the special meeting in Cookstown, to wait on Lord Castlereagh, gave in their written report, with the additions required.

Moved and unanimously agreed to, that the warm thanks of the Synod be given to the Deputation for the prudent, able and dignified manner, in which they discharged the trust reposed in them, and that their report be held *in retentis.*

In reference to the above report, it was moved and seconded, as a declaratory resolution, "that the regulations for the education of our young men intended for the ministry, are strictly a matter of *Discipline.*

After a long discussion, the Roll was called and the resolution carried by a great majority.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

Ninth Session, Friday Afternoon 3 *o'clock.*

By desire of the members who voted against the Resolution respecting the education of our young men intended for the ministry, the Clerk was ordered to record their declaration, that they sincerely concur in the *principle* of the resolution; and opposed to it *only* on the ground, of its being at present uncalled for, and of dangerous tendency.

It was then moved and agreed to, that the Rev. Sam[l] Hanna be appointed Professor of Divinity and Church History under the direction of the Synod, and that he commence his course of Lectures, on the 1st day of November next.

Moved and seconded, that it is expedient to enjoin M[r] Hanna to deliver his lectures in his own Meeting-house.

To this it was moved as an amendment, that M[r] Hanna be enjoined to deliver his lectures in the B.A. Institution.

After some discussion the Synod adjourned till 7 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Tenth Session, Saturday Morn.g 7 *o'clock.*

After prayer, the amended motion of last sederunt was discussed.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

Eleventh Session, Sat. Morning, 10 *o'clock.*

The discussion respecting the place in which M[r] Hanna should deliver his lectures, being resumed, the Roll was called, and it was

carried by a large majority that he should deliver them in the B. A. Inititution.

Against this decision Mr Horner and Mr James Bankhead protested, and assigned the following reasons.

1st Because we cannot perceive any peculiar advantages likely to result, either to the Synod of Ulster, or to the B. A. Institution, from our Professor delivering his lectures on Divinity and Church History within its walls.

2nd Because we are of opinion, that previous to our Professor delivering his lectures in the B. A. Institution, the negociations at present pending between the Government of the country, and the Managers of that Institution, respecting certain changes in its constitution, should have been satisfactorily terminated.

James Horner.
James Bankhead.

Resolved, that the measures proposed at the last annual meeting for raising a Fund to support our Theological Chair, be persevered in; that the several Presbyteries be urged to carry them forthwith into effect, and that the Committee appointed last year to manage the Fund, be continued, with the exception of Mr Hanna, in whose place Mr Harrison is nominated.

Resolved, that Mr Hanna be guided by the directions of this Committee, as to the duration of his course of lectures, and the mode of delivering them.

In consequence of the letter from Mr Peel secretary to the Lord Lieutenant, addressed to the secretary of the B. A. Institution, and submitted to the Synod by the deputation from that Body, it was resolved that a Committee be appointed, to prepare a respectful address to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, stating to his Excellency, the powerful motives by which the Synod have been induced, to adopt a plan of Home Education for their young men intended for the ministry.

Against this decision the following Protest was given in.

We the undersigned, protest against addressing the Lord Lieutenant for the following reasons.

1st Because we consider any communication to the Government on the subject in question as unnecessary and inexpedient.

2nd Because we consider the measure agreed on, to be of dangerous tendency inasmuch, as it appears to recognize a right in the Government, to interfere with our regulations for the education of candidates for the ministry, which we conceive to be strictly a matter of discipline.

William Harrison.
Wm Steele Dickson.

In consequence of the Report of the Deputation appointed at the special meeting at Cookstown to wait on Lord Castlereagh, it was resolved, that the Committee appointed to prepare an address to the Lord Lieutenant on the plan of Home education, shall be farther instructed, to prepare a letter to his Lordship on the same subject.

Resolved, that the Committee shall consist of the following members Mr Thomson, Mr Horner, Mr James Bankhead, Mr Malcom, and Mr Stewart.

Adjourned till 12 o'clock on Monday.

Twelfth Session, Monday June 30th 12 o'clock.

After prayer, the Committee appointed to prepare a reply to the communication from the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, submitted the copy of a letter, which was read, and ordered to be transmitted, by our Moderator, to the Moderator of the Assembly.

A Copy of an address to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant on the subject of Home Education, was produced by the Committee appointed to prepare it. The address was read, considered, and on a call of the Roll, agreed to, as the address of this Synod.

Against this decision, Mr Wright and others signified their intention of protesting, and promised to assign their reasons in due time.

Moved and agreed to, that the Moderator, Mr Thomson, Mr Horner, and Mr James Bankhead, shall present the address to his Excellency.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock to-morrow morng.

Thirteenth Session, Tuesday Morn-g 7 o'clock.

After prayer,—On reading the overture of last Synod, dispensing with the testimonial of a Degree in Arts from students intended for the ministry—Dr Black requested, that his dissent might be recorded for the Reasons assigned by him and the Rev. James Elder against the endowment of a Professorship of Divinity &c. in the B. A. Institution. Messrs Elder, Hill, and McCullogh, joined Dr Black in the above expression of Dissent.

The Committee appointed by the Synod of last year, to investigate the charges against Mr Sherrard, gave in a report of their proceedings, the consideration of which was deferred till next sederunt.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

Fourteenth Session, Tuesday Morn.g. 10 o'clock.

The following abtract was made out of the report of the Committee in Mr Sherrard's case.

"The Committee having heard Mr Sherrard in his defence, it was decided by a majority, that the charges against him recorded in the minutes of the Presbytery of Dromore, were founded.

"It was then moved and seconded, that as Mr Sherrard seems to have laboured under misapprehension of the Synod's laws concerning marriage, and as he has proposed to make a solemn asseveration, that he will not, till next meeting of Synod, marry any person whatever—instead of being degraded, he is now suspended "*sine die*."

"To this the following amendment was moved, that in obedience to the order of the Synod, Mr Sherrard be degraded from the office of the Christian ministry." On this amendment the previous question was put and negatived. The amendment was then put and negatived. Against the latter decision Messrs Hay, Cooke, Horner, Malcom, Stewart, and Brown protested. With the consent of the Committee the original motion was then withdrawn.

"It was next moved and seconded, that as Mr Sherrard has proposed to make a solemn asseveration, that he will not till next meeting of Synod, marry any person whatever—instead of being degraded, he be now suspended *sine die*. The roll being called, this motion carried—Against this decision a protest was entered by Mr Hay, and the members who protested with him before.

"Previous to the conclusion of the business, Messrs Montgomery, Orr, Blakely, and Davis signified their intention of protesting against the first decision of the Committee, viz., that the charges against Mr Sherrard recorded in the minutes of the Presbytery of Dromore, were founded."

The parties having withdrawn, it was moved and seconded, that the Synod approve of the conduct of the Committee, in not degrading Mr Sherrard, inasmuch as all the guilt contemplated by the Synod when they gave instructions to the Committee, was not proved against him. The Roll being called, this motion carried.

Moved and agreed to, that the Synod cannot sustain the sentence of the Committee, suspending Mr Sherrard "*sine die*," because the Committee had no authority to inflict that punishment.

Mr Sherrard was ordered to be in attendance on the Synod at its meeting to-morrow morning.

A letter from the Proprietors of the Belfast Academical Institution, was presented to the Moderator, expressing their thanks for favours formerly received from the Synod, and particularly for the recent appointment of a Professor of Divinity to lecture in the Institution.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Fifteenth Session, Wednesday, A.M. 7 o'clock.

After prayer—Moved and unanimously agreed to, that the minute of last Synod expressing disapprobation of the conduct of the Presbytery of Dromore, in the case of Mr Sherrard, be now rescinded.

Resolved unanimously, that in order to mark the Synod's disapprobation of the conduct of Mr Sherrard in celebrating marriages irregularly, he be now rebuked from the chair; and assured, that for the very first instance of irregularity in this respect, which shall be proved against him, he shall be punished with degradation—Mr Sherrard was rebuked and admonished accordingly.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

Sixteenth Session, Wed. 10 *o'clock, A.M.*

The minute of last Synod respecting an application from certain families, residing at or near Ballintrain, to be erected into a congregation, was read, but the Presbytery of Monaghan, who were ordered to attend this meeting for the purpose of giving information on the subject in question not having done so, the business was necessarily dropt for the present.

On reading the minute of last Synod respecting Clare, the Committee appointed to take charge of that congregation reported,

"That on the 28th day of March last, they ordained the Rev. James Gardner, as assistant and successor to the Rev. Robert Adams, in the Congregation of Clare—that Mr Gardner subscribed the Westminister Confession of Faith, and is a contributor to the Widows' Fund—and that there is a fair prospect of harmony and prosperity in the congregation."

Resolved unanimously, that the conduct of the Clare Committee, has been highly satisfactory, and that Mr Gardner and the congregation be now annexed to the Presbytery of Armagh.

Mr Hanna having begged leave to decline the situation of Treasurer, to the Committee for establishing a Professorship of Divinity, Mr Munfoad was appointed in his place.

Mr Thomson having begged leave to decline the situation of Chairman to the same Committee, the Committee were authorized to nominate their own Chairman.

Mr Henry Montgomery gave notice, that at the next meeting of Synod, he will bring forward certain resolutions, for the purpose of preventing irregularities on the part of Ministers of this body in the celebration of marriages.

OVERTURES.

I. In order to render the education of Candidates for the ministry in this Church, more complete, it was overtured and agreed to, that not less than two years study of Theology, Hebrew, and Church History, after the prescribed course of philosophical study has been completed, shall entitle candidates for the sacred office, to admission into the presbyteries belonging to this body.

II. Overtured, that no Presbytery shall license any young man to preach the Gospel, under the age of twenty-four years. The consideration of this Overture deferred till next meeting of Synod.

III. Overtured and agreed to, that no candidate for the ministry shall be licensed to preach the Gospel, in less than one year after he shall have finished the prescribed course of theological study, and that any license granted in violation of this rule shall be null and void.

BILLS.

I. A memorial was presented from the second Congregation of Larne, stating, that the memorialists had respectfully submitted to the decision of last Synod with regard to their Pastor, the Rev. James Cochrane; that they are now fully satisfied of the sincerity of his contrition; and therefore pray, that he may be restored to the ministerial office.

To this a counter-memorial was presented signed by a few members of the congregation of Larne, stating their unwillingness to receive Mr Cochrane as their Pastor; and praying the Synod to take all the circumstances of this case into serious consideration.

The Presbytery of Templepatrick, and the commissioners from both parties of the Congtn of Larne, having been heard at considerable length, the Synod adjourned till 3 o'clock.

Seventeenth Session, Wed. 3 o'clock, P.M.

Moved and seconded, that Mr Cochrane be rebuked by the Moderator, and restored to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Larne.

To this it was moved as an amendment, that the sentence of suspension "*sine die*" be now passed on Mr Cochrane.

After a long discussion, the Roll was called, and the amendment was negatived.

Against this decision the following protest was entered.

We the undersigned protest.

1st Because we consider Mr Cochrane's original offence, to be of such a nature, that it merited, at least, the punishment of suspension "*sine die.*"

2nd Because Mr Cochrane highly aggravated his original offence, by gross prevarication and wilful deception, when in a most solemn appeal to God, from his own pulpit on the Lord's day, he declared that he was privately married in May 1815; which declaration, he well knew his own congregation and the public at large, must understand to mean, that his marriage was privately solemnized by a clergyman in the usual way.

3rd Because Mr Cochrane afterwards acknowledged that the marriage alluded to was solemnized by himself, no witness having been present, which if he *believed possible*, indicated such a want of

understanding, and which if he did *not believe*, indicated such a want of *integrity*, as proves him *in either case* totally disqualified for discharging the duties of the christian ministry.

4th Because, although sincere repentance of such crimes, would justify Mr Cochranes admission to every *lay privilege* of the christian church, we do not consider that it can justify his restoration to the ministry; besides that of the sincerity of his repentance, we have reason to entertain the most serious doubts.

5th Because, we consider the interests of religion in general, and the honour of the Synod of Ulster in particular, to be vitally injured, by Mr Cochrane's restoration to the Gospel ministry.

6th Because we consider the foregoing decision of the Synod, destructive of the discipline of this Church in future.

7th Because, we believe Mr Cochrane's restoration must be ultimately injurious to the interests of religion in the congregation of Larne.

Signed by

Robt Stewart	J. Thomson	John Brown
Jas. Brown	Wm Wright	Moses Finlay
Jas. Horner	John Johnson	John White
Henry Cooke	Henry Henry	Richd. Dill Junr
Wm Glendy	Jackson Graham	James Carlile

The original motion (viz. that Mr Cochrane be rebuked and restored) was then agreed to.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock to-morrow morng.

Eighteenth Session, Thursday 7 o'clock, A.M.

After prayer, Mr Cochrane was rebuked by the Moderator conformably to the resolution of last sederunt.

II. A memorial was presented from Alexander Charlton, son in law to the late Rev. James Davison, minister of the united congregation of Ballygawly and Aughnacloy, complaining of the Presbytery of Clogher, for not having procured memorialist certain arrears of stipend alleged to be due by said congregation to Mr Davison, at the time of his decease.

The parties having been heard, it was moved and unanimously agreed to, that this memorial be dismissed.

III. A memorial was presented from Mr Smith a member of the Presbytery of Ballymena complaining of the conduct of the Presbytery of Route with respect to a charge of immorality against Mr Thomas Campbell, a licentiate under their care, which Memoralist had merely reported to them, and praying the Synod, to institute a re-investigation of the charge against Mr Campbell, and to say, whether memlst *had*, or had *not*, sufficient grounds for reporting it.

The minutes of the Presbytery of Route on this subject, having been read by their Clerk, the Synod adjourned till 10 o'clock.

Nineteenth Session, Thursday 10 *o'clk. A.M.*

The subject of Mr Smith's memorial was resumed, the witnesses in support of it were examined, and the Presbytery of Route were heard in their defence. The parties were ordered to withdraw, and the consideration of the case was entered on.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

Twentieth Session, Thursday 3 *o'clock P.M.*

The consideration of Mr Smith's memorial was again resumed; it was unanimously resolved, that Mr Smith was only discharging his duty as a minister of this body, in directing the attention of the Presbytery of Route, to the report against the moral character of Mr Campbell, and that the Synod highly disapproves of the spirit in which that Presbytery received his communication.

Resolved, that it appears from the minutes of the Presbytery of Route, and from the testimony of the witnesses this day examined, that Mr Campbell had in his possession, a Bank-note taken from the house of Daniel McKay, which he immediately returned on being asked for it—that it does not appear in evidence that he took it with a felonious intention, but not having given a satisfactory account of the manner in which he obtained it, that he was not entitled to an "*honorable acquittal.*"

Resolved, that the minute of the Presbytery of Route, in which Mr Smith is said to have accused Mr Campbell "*falsely, scandalously,* and *maliciously,*" is highly reprehensible; and an unworthy reflection on the character of Mr Smith.

IV. A memorial was presented from certain families in the neighbourhood of Drumlough in the County of Down, stating, that since the last Meeting of Synod, they had been supplied by the Presbytery of Dromore, with preaching, on one sabbath in each month; that their numbers are greatly increased; that they are able to pay more stipend than is required by the rules of Synod for the erection of congregations, and praying that they may be erected accordingly.

The Report of the Presbytery of Dromore on this subject having been read—the Synod adjourned till 7 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Twenty-first Session, Friday 7 *o'clock A.M.*

After prayer, the consideration of the memorial from Drumlough, being resumed, it was moved and seconded, that the association at that place be erected into a Congregation under the care of the Synod.

As an amendment to this it was moved and agreed to, that the consideration of this business be delayed till the next meeting of Synod;

and that the memorialists be referred as they were last year to the Presbytery of Dromore.

The Committee appointed for the purpose, submitted the copy of a letter to Lord Castlereagh, on the subject of Home Education ; which was read, and ordered to be transmitted by the Moderator.

Synod concluded with prayer.

INTERLOQUITUR.

A statement of the Receipt and payments of his Majesty's Royal Bounty, for the year ended the 29th of September 1816, was submitted to the Interloquitor, and found exact and satisfactory.

The accounts of the Widows' Fund, for the year ended the 1st of October 1816, were in like maner submitted and on examination found correct.

Resolved, that the ministers of the Synod's Fixed Committee, together with Dr Bruce and Mr Carley from the Presbytery of Antrim, be a Committee for superintending the affairs of the Widows' Fund for one year. This Committee to meet in Cookstown when called by the Moderator on any emergency. Five to be a quorum.

Dr Black stated that in obedience to the order of last Interloquitur, he had lent the balance in his hands on landed security. His conduct was approved of.

Resolved that the Annuity to the Widows, be for this year £40.

A memorial was presented from Mr Gamble, an ex-contributor to the Fund, stating that the Agent had refused to receive his subscription for the year 1815, on account of its not having been transmitted in due time.

Resolved unanimously, that by the 11th Regulation, Mr Gamble has forfeited all claims on the Fund.

Resolved, on Dr Black's request, that his narrative of the circumstances connected with the augmentation of Royal Bounty in the year 1792, be no longer "*in retentis.*"

Inserted Sept. 1st 1817.

WILLIAM PORTER, Clk. G. Synod.

A Pro re nata Meeting of Synod, held in Belfast on Wednesday the 14th day of January 1818.

The Rev. Nat. Alexander constituted by Prayer. Present the following members :—

Minrs.	Elders.
Derry Presbytery.	
George Hay	
Templepatrick Presbty.	
John Savage	
Adam Hill	
Thos. Alexander	
Robt. Campbell	Jas. Blow
Wm. Glendy	
Jas. Cochrane	
Saml. Elder	
Dromore Presbytery.	
John McCance	W. M. Wilson
Alexander Patterson	
Ham. Dobbin	
Wm. Wright	
Moses Finlay	
Jas. Birch Black	
James Collins	Robt. Stewart
Belfast Presbytery.	
Saml. Hanna	Jas. Munfoad
Henry Simpson	Alexr. Turner
Jas. McCullogh	
James Riddal	
Fletcher Blakely	Gawin Orr
Wm. Harrison	Joseph Harrison
Henry Haslet	
Alexr. McEwen	
Bangor Presbytery.	
Andrew Craig	
James Sinclair	
Robt. Acheson	Robt. Grogan
John Mulligan	
Andw. Goudie	
Wm. Finlay	Saml. Carson
David White	
Dublin Presbytery.	
No member attended	

Minrs.	Elders.
B.mena Presbytery.	
Thos. Henry	
Henry Henry	Robt. Malcom
John Smith	
Robt. Stewart	Adam Duffin
Geo. Mcleland	
Letterkenny Presbytery.	
No member attended	
Clogher Presbytery.	
No member attended	
Route Presbytery.	
No member attended	
Monaghan Presbytery.	
Mattw. Trumble	
Tyrone Presbytery.	
Thos. Mackay	
John Hogg	
Armagh Presbytery.	
James Bankhead	
Andw. G. Malcom	
Robert Adams	
Arthur Neilson	
James Gardner	
Strabane Presbytery.	
William Porter	

Elders from Congregations, either vacant, or whose ministers have not attended

Adam Bole from Donegore

The Moderator having stated, that he had called the present meeting in compliance with requisitions addressed to him by two Presbyteries—it was unanimously resolved, that the reasons specified in the requisitions alluded to, were not sufficient to justify a call of the Synod,—and therefore that the meeting be now dissolved—It was accordingly concluded with Prayer.

Inserted Feby. 1st 1818, by

WM. PORTER Clerk of G.S.

At a Meeting of the Committee for superintending the Widows' Fund, convened in Cookstown, on Tuesday, March 3rd 1818—the following members were present.

Mr Alexander, Modtr	Mr McCleland
Mr Glendy	,, Philips
,, Harrison	,, Moore
,, Haslet	,, Davison
,, Finlay	,, Armar
,, White	Dr Bruce
,, Horner	Mr Carley
,, Smith	,, Porter, Clerk.

In making out the foregoing list, it became a subject of discussion whether Mr Porter, the Clerk, was of right a member of the Committee—The question was put "Is he" or "Is he not" and it was decided in the affirmative.

The Moderator announced the death of Doctor Black, Treasurer to the Fund; and stated, that he had convened the Committee that they might provide for the management of that institution till the next meeting of the Contributors.

The Committee, having taken the affairs of the Fund, into serious consideration, resolved unanimously to recommend to the Contributors the following measures—

1st To submit the securities, and other concerns of the Fund to two eminent Lawyers, that they may make a report to the Treasurer, of the state of the same, and of any measure which it may be expedient for they Contributors to adopt, and that the Treasurer, shall then apply to the Moderator, to call a meeting of the superintending Committee, if this step shall be deemed necessary.

2nd To take the opinion of persons experienced in such calculations, as to the annuity which the Fund can afford to pay, the probable increase of Annuitants, the Maximum of Annuitants, and the period, at which it may be expected.

3d To require the Treasurer, to furnish every Contributor to the Fund, with a printed copy of its laws and regulations; and to reserve a number of copies for the use of new contributors.

4th To require the Treasurer every year, at as early a period as possible before the stated meeting of the Contributors, to transmit a particular statement, of the Securities, Receipts, and Disbursements of the Fund, to each Presbytery, or to each Contributor, as may hereafter be determined.

In both these cases, the expense of printing to be born[e] by the Fund.

5th To require the Treasurer, annually to invest the balance which may remain in his hands, in Government securities, in the name of the Trustees, until, the Contributors shall order the sum arising from these investments, to be laid out on *landed* security which shall always be

done by the advice of a Lawyer, chosen by the Contributors or the Trustees.

6th That defaulters, who shall forfeit by degradation or otherwise, shall not be restored to the privileges of the Fund without the consent of the Contributors, who shall prescribe the terms of restoration.

After agreeing to recommend the above measures, the Committee unanimously resolved, that it is expedient, now to appoint a temporary Treasurer, who shall manage the Fund till the next meeting of the Contributors, and shall give adequate security for the due discharge of his trust.

Moved and seconded, that it is expedient, that the agency for Royal Bounty, and the treasurership of the Fund, should be committed to the same hands, and therefore that the Rev. George Hay (recently appointed Agent for R.D. by his Majesty's Government) be appointed to act as Treasurer of the Fund, till the time mentioned above.

To this it was moved as an amendment, that the Rev. Robert Acheson be appointed temporary Treasurer.

The Roll was called, and Mr Hay chosen.

Resolved unanimously, that Mr Hay, shall forthwith provide a surety or sureties, who shall become bound to the Clerk of the Peace for the City and County of Londonderry, in the penal sum of £5000, for Mr Hay's due discharge of the trust now reposed in him.—Dr Bruce and the Rev. John Thomson to be satisfied with respect to the sufficiency of the security, and to see that the necessary bonds shall be duly perfected.

Resolved unanimously, that on re-consideration we deem it expedient, that the first of the measures recommended above to the Contributors, should not be delayed till the stated meeting of that Body; and therefore we do now instruct Mr Hay to have the securities on which the Capital of the Widows' Fund is lent, submitted to the consideration of Counsellors Joy and Smyly, and to get their opinions as to the sufficiency of the same. He is also instructed, to propose to those Lawyers such queries respecting said securities as he may deem important, and to obtain their answers. Mr Hay is requested to have these things done with all convenient speed; and to report the result to the Moderator that he may take such steps as circumstances may require.

The meeting concluded with Prayer.

WILLIAM PORTER, Clerk.

A General Synod at Belfast June 30*th* 1818.

The Rev. Nat. Alexander, Moderator, having preached from 1st Tim. 14th chap. 12th, 13th and 14th verses, constituted the Synod by prayer. Present the following members:—

Minrs.	Elders.
Templepatrick Presbytery.	
John Savage	
Adam Hill	
Robert Orr	John Montgomery
John Murphy	
Thomas Alexander	Joseph Shaw
Robert Campbell	
Nat. Alexander	John M'Auley
Henry Cooke	James Owens
William Glendy	
James Cochran	Patrick Allen
Dromore Presbytery.	
John Thompson	James Simpson
John Sherrard	
John M'Cance	Wm. M. Wilson
Alexr. Patterson	James Lunn
William Wright	Saml. Waterworth
Hamilton Dobbin	James Boyd
Moses Finlay	
James Black	
John Johnstone	William Weir
James McClelland	William Davison
James B. Black	James Nicholson
James Collins	
Belfast Presbytery.	
William Whitlaw	Fran. Murry
Samuel Hanna	James Munfoad
Saml. Watson	Thomas Reid
Henry Simpson	Alexr. Turner
James M'Culloch	John Currie
James Riddall	Samuel McKee
Fletcher Blakely	Gawin Orr
John Hanna	James Baillie
William Harrison	Joseph Harrison
Henry Haslett	Hugh McLune
Alexander McEwen	Alexr. Philson
Bangor Presbytery.	
Dr. Dickson	
Dr. Stevenson	
Andrew Craig	Henderson Wightman
James Sinclair	
Robert Acheson	William Boyd
John Watson	
Bangor Presbytery—continued.	
William Moreland	Willm. McLeery
Andrew Goudie	Willm. Warnock
Hugh Woods	Robert Allen
Henry Montgomery	Walter Roberts
William Finlay	James Ballentine
David White	John Stitt
William Skelly	Dr. Catherwood
William Campbell	Anty. Douning
Dublin Presbytery.	
James Horner	
Saml. Simpson	
Ballymena Presby.	
Thomas Henry	John Reside
Henry Henry	Samuel Beggs
Robert Stewart	Robert Magill
George McLeland	
W. M'Clintock Wray	
Robert Park	James Boyd
Letterkenny Presbytery.	
Henry Carson	
Clogher Presbytery.	
No member attended	
Route Presbytery.	
Matthew Elder	
Samuel Dill	
James Boyle	
Solomon Brown	
James Dunlop	
Richard Dill	
John Brown	
William Lyle	
Jackson Graham	
Samuel Butler	John Moody

Minrs.	Elders.
Monaghan Presbytery.	
James Harpur	
Thomas Kennedy	
John Adams	
Tyrone Presbytery.	
Thomas Mackay	
John Davison	Daniel M'Cook
John Cowan	
Robert Hogg	
Robert Allen	
John Hogg	
Armagh Presbytery.	
James Bankhead	Thomas Neil
Dr. Wm. Neilson	John Getty
Samuel Arnold	
Andw. G. Malcom	
William Maclaine	

Minrs.	Elders.
Armagh Presbytery—continued.	
Arthur Neilson	John Blakely
James Davies	
Joseph Jenkins	
James Gardner	
Samuel Eccles	
Strabane Presbytery.	
William Porter	
Derry Presbytery.	
Richard Dill	
George Hay	
James Johnson	
Elder from vacant congregation	
Samuel Cunningham	Cullybackay

Mr. Montgomery Moderator

Mr Alexander having moved that a Moderator for the present year be now chosen, the following Ministers were put in nomination—Messrs Cooke, Patterson, S. Watson, Montgomery, S. Simpson, Wray, Carson, Butler, Kennedy, R. Hogg, Malcom, & R. Dill, sen. The roll was called and Mr Montgomery chosen.

Mr Porter continued clerk.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, and prepare lists to be handed to the clerk to-morrow morning, of the members whom they appoint for the Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, & General Synod's fixed Committee—an account of such Ministers belonging to them as have died, been ordained, or installed; of such candidates as have been licensed or admitted on trials; and of such students as have been examined previous to their going to College, & after their return since the last annual meeting of Synod; a report of their annuitants on the Fund, of any that have died, during last year, and the time of their decease; and such other returns as our regulations require.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Second Session. Wednesday morning, 10 *o'clock.*

Doctor Stevenson

After prayer, on reading the minute of last year respecting Dr Stevenson it was moved that his name be now inserted in the list of the Synod; the roll was called and the motion carried.

The different Presbyteries made returns of their members for the several Committees—also the following reports—

Templepatrick Presbytery report, that they have examined, previous to their going to College, the first time Messrs Thomas Logan, Hugh Hamilton, James Alexander, Robert Niel, and John Montgomery, Mr Doherty on his return the first time; Mr Erskine on his return the second time; Mr McKee on his return the third time; and Messrs Crawford and Shaw on their return the fourth time. Have on the Fund Mrs Gibson and Mrs Thompson. Mrs Montgomery died on the eig[h]th of May last. 2 Annuitants Death of Mrs. Montgomery

Dromore Presbytery report, that the Rev. John McLeland died on the 5th of March last, leaving a Widow & family; that they have licensed to preach the Gospel, Mr William McCance, who subscribed the Westminster Confession of Faith, according to the Synod's formula; that they have on first trials, Messrs John Carson, William Crozier, and John McCauly; that they have examined, previous to their going to College the first time, Alexander Patterson, John Mulligan, Thomas Hay, Robert Little, John Bell, William Murphy, Charles Adams, Robert Phares, George Thompson, John Martin, George Jardine, John Davison, William Hays & John Cavan: have on the Fund, Mrs Hay, (residing in County Donegal) Mrs Thompson and daughter, Mrs Magee, Mrs Barber, Mrs Little, Mrs Patrick, Mrs Waddle and Mrs McLeland. Death of Mr. M'Leland 8 Annuitants

Belfast Presbytery report, that they Rev. George Brydone, being unable from age and infirmity to discharge his pastoral duties, requested the Presbytery, on the 5th of August 1817, to allow his congregation to choose an assistant and successor; and that he died on the 6th of September following, leaving neither widow nor family; and that on the 16th of October 1817, they ordained the Rev. Alexander McEwen in Kircubbin, who adhered to his former subscription to the Westminister Confession of Faith, and become a contributer to the Widows' Fund: that they have licensed to preach the Gospel, Messrs John Orr, and William Johnstone, who both subscribed the Westminister Confession of Faith; that they examined Messrs John Hutton, Alexander, and McEwen previous to their going to College the first time; Messrs Hugh Hutton, Moore, Shaw, Wallace, Hunter, and Cleland, on their return the second time; and Messrs Reid and Maine on their return the third time; have on the Fund, Mrs Kennedy, Mrs McEwen, Mrs Rowan, Mrs Kelburne, Mrs Henry, Mrs Harrison, and Mrs Grey. Death of Mr. Brydone 7 Annuitants

Bangor Presbytery report, that on the 28th day of October last, they licensed Mr David Thom to preach the Gospel; that they examined Hugh Gamble and James Mulligan, previous to their going to College; have on extra-judicial trials, Mr John Blakely; on the Fund Mrs Hull, now in America, Mrs Patterson, Mrs Byrson, Mrs Porter, Mrs Caldwell, Mrs Robert Porter, and the family of Mr Arnold. 7 Annuitants

Dublin Presbytery report, that the Rev. John Baird died on the— of August 1817, leaving neither widow nor family; have on the Fund, Mrs Wilson, and Mrs Cochran: Mrs Rogers died in the month of May last. Death of Mr. Baird 2 Annuitants Death of Mrs. Rogers

Ballimena Presbytery report, that on the 30th of June last the [y] licensed Mr Marshal Moore, to preach the Gospel; that they examined Messrs Thompson, Allison, Rogers, and Montgomery, previous to their going to College the third time: and have on second trials Messrs William Cuthbertson, and Archibald Hucheson, on the Fund Mrs Lindsay, Mrs Howard, Mrs Brown, Mrs Mithell, and the families of Messieurs Hamilton and Park.

6 Annuitants

Letterkenny Presbytery report, that the licensed Mr Allison to preach the Gospel in October 1817, and Mr Reid in April, 1818; that they examined Mr Henderson previous to his going to College the first time; and Messrs Allen, Russel, and Johnston, on their return the first time, Mr Steel on his return the second, and Mr Gibson on his return the third; have on the Fund, Mrs Delap, Mrs Burke and Mrs Allen.

3 Annuitants

Clogher Presbytery report, that on the 5th of May they licensed Messrs James McWilliams and Archibald Armstrong, to preach the Gospel; have on the Fund Mrs Moorehead.

1 Annuitant

Mr. Patterson ordained in Macosquin

Route Presbytery report, that on the second day of September 1817, they ordained the Rev. John Patterson in the Congregation of Macosquin, who subscribed the Westminister Confession of Faith, and became a contributor to the Widows' Fund; that on the 29th of July 1817, they licensed Mr Joseph Scott to preach the Gospel, who also subscribed the Westminister Confession of Faith; that they have examined Messrs George Bellis, and Archibald King on their return from College the second time; and Messrs Joseph King Bellis, and William Neilson on their return the third time; to whom specimens of composition were prescribed according to the Synodical order: that they have entered on extrajudicial trials Messrs Hamill and McLaughlin, who attended Theology in the B.A. Institution; have on the Fund Mrs Gaston, Mrs Smyley, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Elder, Mrs Davis (supposed to be in America), Mrs Simpson, Mrs Macmullan, Mrs Blair, Mrs Fullarton, Mrs Greer and family, Mrs McLeland, Mrs McFarland, Mrs Logan, and the family of Mr Thompson.

14 Annuitants

Deaths of Mr. McIlree & Mr. Davis

Mr. Adams ordained in Monaghan

Monaghan Presbytery report, that the Rev. Henry McIlree died on the 8th of November 1817, leaving a widow and family; and the Rev. John Davis on the 7th of March 1818, leaving neither widow nor family; that on the 3rd of February 1818, they ordained the Rev. John Adams as assistant and successor to the Rev. Matthew Trumble, in the congregation of Monaghan, who became a contributor to the Widows' Fund; that they examined Mr John King previous to his going to College the first time, and also on his return; that on the 5th of May last, they licensed Messrs Andrew Breaky and John Agnew to preach the Gospel; have on first trials Mr John Boyle; on the Fund, Mrs Warnock, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Whiteside, Mrs Montgomery, Mrs Moore, Mrs Wilson, Mrs McIlree, and the family of Mr Stewart.

8 Annuitants

Tyrone Presbytery report, that on the 5th of August last, they licensed to preach the Gospel, Messrs Grey, Smith, Clarke, and Creighton; have on first trials William Brown; examined on their return from college the third time, Messrs Collins, Morgan and Adams,

and on their return the second time, Messrs Dugall and Sloan; Mrs Glasgow died on the 10th of October and Mrs Stitt on the 8th of May last; have on the Fund, Mrs Boylan, Mrs Dugall, Mrs Simpson, Mrs Chambers, and the family of Mr Stewart. Deaths of Mrs. Glasgow & Mrs. Stitt 5 Annuitants

Armagh Presbytery report, that on the 17th of September 1817, they ordained the Rev. Samuel Eccles to the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Armagh, who is a contributor to the Widows' Fund; they have on the Fund, Mrs Thom, Mrs Cuming, and the family of Mr Shaw. Mr. Eccles ordained in Armagh 3 Annuitants

Strabane Presbytery report, that on the 8th of November last, they licensed Mr Love to preach the Gospel; that they examined John Scott Porter, previous to his going to college the first time, and Mr Alexander on his return the third; have on the Fund Mrs Turbitt, Mrs Hamill, and Mrs Anderson. 3 Annuitants

Derry Presbytery report, that the Rev. Henry Elder died on the 27th of July, the Rev. Francis Gray on the 2nd of August, and the Rev. Dr Black on the 4th of December last, all leaving widows and families; that on the 17th instant they ordained the Rev. Henry Kidd in the Congregation of Boveva, who is a contributor to the Widows' Fund; they have on first trials Mr Robert Thompson; on the Fund, Mrs Walker, Mrs Patten, Mrs Scott, Mrs Law, Mrs Elder, Mrs Gray, and Mrs Black. Deaths of Mr. Elder, Mr. Gray and Dr Black Mr. Kydd ordained in Boveva 7 Annuitants

Antrim Presbytery report, they have on the Fund, Mrs Crombie, Mrs Vance, Mrs Nevin, Mrs Sinclair, and the families of Messrs Wightman, Marshall, and Bryson. 7 Annuitants

General Synod's fixed Committee for 1818.

Presbs.	Minrs.
T.Patrick,	Messrs Orr & T. Alexander
Dromore,	„ Thompson & McCance
Belfast,	„ Watson & M'Culloch
Bangor,	„ Craig & Acheson
Dublin,	„ Horner & Simpson
Ballimena,	„ Waughop & Wray
L.Kenny,	„ Reid & Kernaghan
Clogher,	„ Philips & Anderson
Route,	„ Butler & Lyle
Monaghan,	„ White & Winning

Presbs.	Minrs.
Tyrone,	Messrs Moore & Wilson
Armagh,	,, Bankhead & A. Neilson
Strabane,	,, Gilkey & McCrea
Derry,	,, Mitchell & Kydd

These with an Elder from each Presbytery, our Moderator & Clerk, are to meet at Belfast, when called by the Moderator on any emergency; fifteen to be a quorum, of whom twelve at least are to be Ministers.

Adjourned. Committees to meet immediately. Open Synod at half-past one o'clock.

Third Session. Wednesday, ½ past 1 o'clock P.M.

Presbyteries to bring their books to the Synod

The Presbytery of Bangor having assigned as their reason for not having returned any Members for the Committee of Books, "that this Committee had now become a nonentity" it was ordered that the several Presbyteries shall bring their Books, for inspection, to the next and every subsequent meeting of Synod; and that they shall return every year, members for the Committee of Books, according to our standing regulations.

Moved that Armagh be the place of the Synod's meeting next year. Belfast was also put in nomination. The roll was called and Belfast carried. The meeting to take place on the last Tuesday of June next, in the Meeting-house of the third Congregation. Divine service to commence at five o'clock in the afternoon.

Code of Discipline

It was stated by the Committee for preparing "A Code of Discipline" &c that their proceedings had been retarded by the ill health of one of their members, and they requested another year for executing the business committed to them. This request was granted.

Petitions against Distillation on the Sabbath

The Committee for managing the petitions against Distillation on the Lord's Day, reported, that not having had an opportunity of procuring a sufficient number of signatures, they had deemed it expedient not to forward the Petitions. Ordered that Mr Cooke shall have the Petitions ready for signatures to-morrow morning.

The Committee which was last year appointed to attend the examination of Students belonging to this body in the B.A. Institution, made the following report:—

"Belfast April 29th, 1818.

"At a meeting of the Committee appointed by the General Synod of Ulster, to attend the examination of Students under their care in the B.A. Institution—present:

N. Alexander Mod^{r}	J. McCance	H. Cooke
Professor Hanna	H. Montgomery	F. Blakely
R. Acheson	Wm Wright	W. Harrison

"Dr Neilson, Mr Campbell, and Mr Patterson were also present and sat and voted with the Committee.

"Having attended examinations in Natural Philosophy and Greek —ordered, that our Moderator do join with the Professors in granting Certificates to the following Students, viz.

"In Natural Philosophy, to Alexander Orr, William Ellison, Hugh Rodgers, James Shannon, Joseph Bell, and Thomas Dugall.

"In Greek, to Hugh Gamble, John Doherty, George Bellis, John Davison, Robert Kennedy, George Thompson, John Martin, John Bell, Thomas May, John Mulligan, John Hutton, George Jardine, Alexander Patterson, James Mulligan, Robert Little, James Cowan, and John Scott Porter.

"April 30th The Committee attended examinations in Logic and Mathematics—Ordered, that our Moderator do join in granting Certificates to the following Students, viz.

"In Logic, to James Cowan, Hugh Gamble, John Doherty, George Bellis, John Davison, Robert Kennedy, George Thompson, John Martin, John Bell, Thomas May, John Mulligan, John Hutton, George Jardine, Alexander Patterson, James Mulligan, W.Smith, Robert Little, and James Ferguson.

"In the Senior class of Mathematics, to James Cowan, John Davison, and John Martin.

"In the Junior Class, to William Ellison, Arch^{d} King, Thomas Dugall, and Joseph Bell.

"May 1st The Committee attended examinations in Moral Philosophy and Latin—Ordered that our Moderator do join in granting Certificates to the following Students viz.

" In Moral Philosophy, to John Shaw, William J. Erskine, and Archibald King.

"In Latin, to Thomas May, Robert Little, John Hutton, John Doherty, John Bell, James Mulligan, Hugh Gamble, William Hay, George Bellis, Alexander Patterson, and John S. Porter.

" Alexander Orr, Willliam Ellison, Hugh Rodgers, James Shannon, Joseph Bell, and Thomas Dougal, having been examined in Latin, Greek, Logic, Moral Philosophy, Natural Philosoyhy, and Mathematics, —Ordered, that our Moderator do join with the Professors of the Belfast Academical Institution, in granting to these Students the General Certificate required by Synodical regulations, in place of a Degree in Arts.

"The Committee feel highly gratified in being able to state, that the examinations afforded the most satisfactory evidence of the great

assiduity both of the Professors and Students. Indeed, the general progress was so great, that even in the largest classes, there was not a single Student who did not acquit himself very creditably."

Signed &c.

Resolved that the following Ministers be the Committee of examination for the current year.

H. Montgomery Mod^{r}	J. Thompson	A. G. Malcom
J. McCance	R. Stewart	W. Finlay
Professor Hanna	F. Blakely	A. Craig
H. Cooke	W. Wright	R. Campbell
R. Acheson	W. Glendy	H. Simpson
H. Woods	J. Davis	H. Haslett
W. Harrison	Jas. Bankhead	

Any other Ministers of the Synod, who may attend the examinations, shall have the privilege of sitting and voting with the Committee.

The Committee for purchasing a piece of plate, to be presented to Mrs Cuming and her family, stated that they would be ready to make their report, to-morrow morning.

B.A Institution

A letter was read from the Joint Boards of Managers and Visitors of the B.A. Institution, stating, that they begged leave to present to the Synod some copies of a publication detailing the system of education pursued in that seminary; and that they had deputed the Rev. H. Montgomery, and the Rev. W. D. H. McEwen, to give any farther information respecting the Institution, which the Synod might require.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Fourth Session. Thursday 10 *o'clock, A.M.*

Mrs. Cuming

After prayer—the Committee for purchasing a piece of Plate, to be presented to Mrs Cuming and her family, reported that they had not received contributions sufficient to carry into effect the object of their appointment—Ordered that the Moderator of each Presbytery, shall at its next stated meeting, collect the contributions of his co-presbyters, and transmit them forthwith to the R. John Thompson, Belfast.

Establishmen of a Board of Faculty in the B.A. Institution

A letter was received by the Moderator from the Professors of the B.A. Institution, stating, that they had been recently formed into a Board of Faculty, possessing full powers to take cognizance of every thing connected with the literary arrangements and moral discipline of the Collegiate Department.

Resolved that Mr Montgomery and M^{r} McEwen be requested to communicate to the Board of Faculty, our assurance of the satisfaction which the arrangement now communicated has afforded us.

The Moderator of last year, reported that he had transmitted to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the letter committed to his care; and that no answer had been returned. Letter to the General Assembly

Moved, that inasmuch as the Church of Scotland, passed an Act in 1799, which excludes the Ministers and Licentiates of this Body from preaching in *their* Congregations; and though respectfully and repeatedly applied to, have not made any alteration of said act in our favour,—it is therefore resolved that the Ministers and Licentiates of the Church of Scotland shall not be admitted to preach in *our* Congregations. Ministers of the Church of Scotland not allowed to officiate in our Congregations

To this it was moved, as an amendment—that as the Church of Scotland passed an act in 1799, which excludes the Ministers and Licentiates of this body, from preaching in their congregations; and though respectfully and repeatedly applied to, have not made any alteration of said act in our favour,—it is therefore resolved, that we deem it a duty which we owe to our Licentiates and to ourselves to declare, that the Ministers and Licentiates of the Church of Scotland shall not be eligible to any of our congregations, nor allowed to preach in any of our vacancies.

The roll was called and this amendment was negatived.

The original motion was then put and carried.

Against this decision the following Ministers, viz., Messrs Thompson, John Brown, Cooke, Stewart, Johnstone, Horner, Hanna, S. Simpson, H. Simpson, Kennedy, Boyle, R. Dill Junr, Lyle, Graham, Campbell, and George McLeland, together with Robert Magill and Samuel Beggs, Elders, gave in reasons of protest, which were ordered to be *in retentis*. Protest

Adjourned till 4 o'clock.

Fifth Session. Thursday, 4 o'clock, P.M.

The Deputation which was last year appointed to present an address to the Lord Lieutenant on the subject of Home Education, gave in their report.

Resolved unanimously, that the conduct of the Deputation has been highly satisfactory; and that their report be *in retentis*.

Mr Montgomery requested, that he might be allowed another year for bringing forward his promised regulations respecting marriage. His request was granted. Regulations respecting Marriages postponed

In reference to the first and third overtures of last year, it was moved, that it is not the intention of the Synod, that young men who had commenced their collegiate education before these overtures were passed, should be subject to their operation. First and third overtures of year

After a long discussion, the Synod adjourned till 7 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Sixth Session. Friday, 7 o'clock A.M.

restricted in their operation

After prayer,—it was moved as an amendment to the motion of last sederunt, that such young men as had commenced their collegiate education before the enactment of the first and third overtures of last year, shall be admitted on judicial trials immediately on the close of the first session which they shall have devoted to the study of Divinity; and be licensed as soon after the close of the second session, as their Presbyteries shall think right.

The roll was called, and this amendment carried.

Overture rejected

The adjourned consideration of the overture of last year, prohibiting Presbyteries from licensing candidates under the age of twenty-four years, being resumed, it was moved and agreed to that the overture be rejected.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

Seventh Session. Friday, 10 o'clock A.M.

Case of Mr Smyth and Mr Campbell

On reading the minute of last year, respecting Mr Smyth's memorial against the conduct of the Presbytery of Route, in the case of Mr Campbell, a licentiate under their care,—it was moved, that the resolution of last Synod, declaring part of the minutes of the Presbytery "highly reprehensible," be rescinded.

To this, the following amendment was moved and agreed to, that as Mr Campbell declares he can produce witnesses in his favour, who were not present when the business was last year discussed, a Committee be now appointed to re-investigate and determine the whole matter at issue between him, Mr Smyth and the Presbytery of Route—This Committee to consist of the following Ministers—the Moderator. Messrs T. Alexander, A. Patterson, Thomas Henry, H. Henry, Davis, Malcom, Hay, Cooke, Allen, Harrison, Dr Stevenson, Davison, Stewart, and Park. These, with each an Elder, to meet in Ballimoney, on Wednesday, the 22nd of July, instant at 12 o'clock. The attendance of at least seven ministers is necessary to form a quorum.

Mr Campbell having acknowledged himself the author of a publication entitled "A Letter to the Rev. the General Synod of Ulster, &c, &c." the Committee are instructed to take such steps respecting this publication, as they may deem expedient

Mr Smith and Mr Campbell are enjoined to furnish each the other, with a list of his witnesses, ten days previous to the day of trial.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

Eighth Session. Friday, 3 o'clock P.M.

Divinity Professorship

The Committee for managing the concerns of the Synod's Divinity Professorship, gave in a report of their proceedings during the last twelve months, which was ordered to be *in retentis*.

Resolved, that a committee consisting of Messrs Bankhead, Malcom, Wright, Patterson, and R. Hogg, shall meet this night, and prepare a plan, to be submitted to the Synod to-morrow morning, for the farther support of our Divinity Professorship.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Ninth Session. Saturday, 7 o'clock A.M.

After prayer, the Committee appointed for the purpose, presented the following plan for the support of the Divinity Professorship :—

Plan for support of Divinity Professorship

"From the accounts submitted to them, the Committee find, that the sums subscribed by *congregations* for the permanent fund, amount to £241 14s. 5½d.; and that the subscriptions of *Ministers* for the support of the Professorship for one year, amount to £85 10s.

"From this statement it appears, that a great majority of the Ministers and congregations of the General Synod, have neglected to comply with the instructions of the Synod, on this important subject. The Committee therefore are of opinion, that it ought to be warmly recommended by the Moderator, to such Ministers as have not yet paid their subscriptions, to do so with as little delay as possible, as they value the importance of the object in view, and the credit of the Presbyterian body; the more particularly, as the contributions of the Ministers for the present year, are inadequate to compensate the Professor for his extraordinary labour during the session, and as it is the opinion of the Committee, that no part of the permanent fund should be applied to the payment of the Professor.

"With respect to the congregational collections, the Committee are of opinion, that it ought to be again warmly recommended to Ministers, to collect money from their people in aid of the permanent fund, as soon as they conceive they can do so with a prospect of success; and in congregations where a considerable sum cannot be raised at present in aid of the permanent fund, a collection be raised in support of the Professorship in the meantime in whatever manner ministers shall judge most proper. But the Committee recommend, that Ministers do take pains to inform their people, of the great advantages of the establishment which their contributions are intended to support, and urge them to lend their liberal assistance, in promoting the objects of the present promising plan of home education.

"The Committee think that the collections might, with propriety be made in the month of August or of September next.

"They recommend that the Committee appointed last year for the management of the concerns of the Professorship, be continued; and that they shall have the power of determining the salary of the Professor for the last year.

"They farther recommend that Mr Munfoad be requested to continue treasurer."

A. G. MALCOM, Clerk of Committee.

Resolved unanimously, that the foregoing plan be adopted; and its execution most earnestly recommended, to all the Ministers and Elders of this body.

Resolved unanimously, that our warm thanks be returned to the Second Congregation of Presbyterians in Belfast, for their liberal donation of fifty pounds in support of our Divinity Professorship.

OVERTURES.

I. The following address to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, was overtured and unanimously agreed to.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, EARL TALBOT, LORD LIEUTENANT GENERAL, AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

Address to Lord Lieutenant

We, the Ministers and Elders of the General Synod of Ulster, embrace the first opportunity afforded us by our annual meeting, of congratulating your Excellency on your appointment to the Government of this Country—an event which we regard with much satisfaction, and from which we anticipate the most beneficial results.

We beg leave to assure your Excellency, that we are actuated by the same principles of loyalty to his Majesty's Illustrious House, and devoted attachment to the British Constitution by which our ancestors were distinguished; and that we will zealously inculcate the same sentiments on the minds of our people, particularly of the rising generation. We trust that in the course of your administration, your Excellency will feel yourself warranted in representing us to his Majesty's Government, as worthy of a continuance of that favour and confidence, which Presbyterians have enjoyed, from their first settlement in Ireland.

Signed in our name and by our order.
at Belfast, this 4th day of July, 1818.

HENRY MONTGOMERY, Moderator.

Students to remain at College from 10th Nov. till 1st May & Presbyteries to report the duration of each Session

II. Overtured and agreed to, that the term of study at any collegiate seminary of learning, which students under the care of Presbyteries of this Body, shall each session be required to complete, be at least from the 10th of November, to the 1st of May; and that Presbyteries, in their annual reports, shall specify the dates, as stated in the Professors' certificates, at which the students under their care, commenced and terminated their studies, each session at college.

Penalty attached to above regulation

III. Overtured and agreed to, that if any Presbytery shall license any young man, contrary to the foregoing regulation, the Presbytery so offending, shall be subject to the severe censure of the Synod, and the license so granted shall be null and void.

BILLS.

I. A memorial was presented from certain families in the neighbourhood of Drumlough, stating that during the last year, they had been regularly supplied with preaching by the Presbytery of Dromore; and praying that they may be erected into a congregation under the care of the Synod. Drumlough

The minutes of the Presbytery of Dromore, stating their proceedings with regard to the association at Drumlough, were read by their clerk; the members of the Presbytery communicated some additional information, and the commissioners deputed by the association were heard.

The commissioners having withdrawn, it was moved and agreed to, that the association at Drumlough be erected into a Congregation, and placed under the care of the Presbytery of Dromore. The Presbytery however are enjoined not to ordain a minister among them, until the debt due for the building of their Meeting-house be liquidated. Drumlough erected into a congregation

II. A memorial was presented from the Presbyterian inhabitants of Carlow, stating various reasons, which in their opinion ought to induce the Synod to erect them into a Congregation; and praying that they may be erected accordingly, and placed under the care of the Presbytery of Dublin. Carlow

A letter was handed to the Moderator, containing certain resolutions of the Presbyterian Synod of Munster. The resolutions were read, and as bearing on the subject of the memorial from Carlow, were ordered to be inserted in the minutes.

"At the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Synod of Munster, held in Dublin on Wednesday, July 1st, 1818. Resolution of the Synod of Munster

"Resolved unanimously, that we contemplate with peculiar satisfaction, the recent exertions made by our brethren of the Synod of Ulster, to extend the Presbyterian interest in the South of Ireland.

"Resolved unanimously, that we will co-operate with the Synod of Ulster, in any means they may adopt for promoting this desirable end.

"Resolved unanimously, that the thanks of this Synod are due to the Rev. Mr Cooke, and the Rev. Mr Stewart, who have recently supplied the Congregation of Carlow, for the zeal, prudence, diligence, and ability, exhibited by them, in fulfilling the objects of their mission.

"Resolved unanimously, that a copy of these resolutions, signed by our Moderator and Clerk, be sent to the Moderator of the Synod of Ulster, to be communicated to that body.

"PH. TAYLOR, Moderator.

"JAMES ARMSTRONG, Clerk."

Carlow erected

Moved and unanimously agreed to, that the worshipping association at Carlow, be erected into a Congregation, and placed under the care of the Presbytery of Dublin.

Resolution to promote Presbyterianism in the South

Resolved unanimously, that we will most cordially co-operate with our brethren of the Synod of Munster, in promoting the Presbyterian interest in the South of Ireland.

Resolved unanimously, that for this purpose, we authorize the Trustees of the General Fund in Dublin, to invite to preach in the South, such ministers of our body, and for such periods of time as they may think proper; and that the Presbyteries to which such ministers belong, shall, during their absence, supply their congregations free of expense.

Moved and unanimously agreed to, that our Moderator shall write a respectful letter to the Moderator of the Synod of Munster, enclosing a copy of the foregoing resolutions and expressing the happiness we feel in the prospect of extending Presbyterianism, and our sense of the liberal conduct of our brethren in the South.

Resolved unanimously that our warm thanks be returned to our own members, Messrs Horner, Cooke and Stewart, for their zealous exertions in this business—Messrs Horner, Cooke and Stewart were accordingly thanked by the Moderator.

Presbyteries to return the names of their Moderators in their reports and to announce to the Treasurer the death of any of their members & of any of their annuitants

Ordered that each Presbytery, shall, at their meeting immediately previous to the stated meeting of Synod, appoint a Moderator for the year, and return his name as such in the annual report.

Ordered that on the death of any minister of this body, or of any widow on the Fund, the Presbytery to which he or she belonged, shall at their meeting immediately subsequent to such death, transmit an official report of the same to the Treasurer.

New regulations respecting the annual reports of annuitants

Ordered that the *Christian* name of each annuitant shall in future be inserted by Presbyteries, in their annual reports, and also the name of the congregation of which each annuitant's husband was minister. In cases of subsequent marriages, annuitants shall still be designated in the reports of Presbyteries, by the name of their husbands through whom they became entitled to the fund, with the names by which they are known at the time of making such reports, immediately subjoined.

Notice of a motion by Mr Johnstone

Mr Johnstone gave notice that he will move at our next annual meeting, that the amount of stipend required previous to the erection of congregations, shall be reduced from fifty pounds to forty.

Synod concluded with prayer.

Attested by

WILLIAM PORTER, Clerk of G. Synod.

INTERLOQUITUR.

It was officially announced to the Interloquitur that in consequence of the death of Dr Black, Treasurer to the Widows' Fund, a meeting of the Committee for superintending that institution, had been held at Cookstown, on the third of March last, to provide for the management thereof till the present time. The minutes of that meeting were read, and on them the following proceedings were grounded.

Resolved, that Mr R. Hogg, Mr Malcom, Mr Hay and Mr Bruce, be requested to submit to the next stated, or official meeting of the contributors, which shall be convened, such data as they may deem necessary, for calculating the annuity which the Fund can afford to pay, the probable increase of annuitants, the maximum of annuitants, and the period at which it may be expected. The same gentlemen are also requested, to ascertain as nearly as they can, the expense of obtaining the desired calculations.

Resolved, that the Treasurer shall furnish each contributor to the Fund, with a printed copy of its laws and regulations, and shall reserve a number of copies for the use of future contributors. Instructions to the Treasurer

Resolved, that the Treasurer shall transmit (every year) at as early a period as possible before the stated meeting of the contributors, a particular statement of the securities, receipts and disbursements of the Fund, to the Moderator of each Presbytery. In both these cases, the expense of printing to be borne by the Fund.

Dr Bruce gave notice that at the next annual meeting of the contributors, he will propose a regulation to the following effect, viz. that no defaulter who shall forfeit by degradation or otherwise, shall be restored to the privileges of the Fund without the consent of the contributors, who shall prescribe the terms of restoration. Notices of motions by Dr Bruce and by Mr Bruce.

Mr Bruce gave notice that at the next annual meeting, he will propose an alteration of the seventh rule, to this effect, viz. that the premium to be paid by ministers on second marriages, shall be regulated by the tables used for that purpose, by annuity companies.

On reading the resolution of Fund Committee, assembled at Cookstown, appointing Mr Hay to act as Treasurer till this meeting, it was stated that Mr Hay had *gratuitously* discharged the duties imposed on him, by this appointment—Resolved unanimously that the thanks of this body are due to Mr Hay for his disinterested conduct. Thanks were accordingly returned to him by the Moderator.

Resolved unanimously, that Mr Hay be now appointed Treasurer of the Fund. For the faithful discharge of the trust reposed in him, he is required to give security to the amonnt of two thousand pounds to the Clerk of the Peace for the City and County of Londonderry. Dr Bruce and Mr Hanna to be satisfied as to the validity of the security. Mr Hay Treasurer

The Treasurer stated, that in obedience to instructions given to him by the Fund Committee at Cookstown, he had taken the opinion of Serjeant Joy and Counseller Smyly as to the validity of the

securities, on which the capital of the Fund is lent. The opinions were read, and the Treasurer was enjoined to carry into immediate execution, certain measures therein recommended.

Instructions to the Moderator and to the Treasurer

Ordered that the Moderator shall in due time convene a committee consisting of Mr Thompson, Mr Hanna, Mr Hogg, and Mr McEwen, and submit to them the case which was laid before Serjeant Joy and Counsellor Smyly, that they may add to it such queries as they may think proper. The case with these additional queries to be transmitted to the Treasurer, who is hereby instructed to procure a consultation with respect to it, between the two lawyers above mentioned. So soon as he shall have obtained their joint opinion, he is to inform the Moderator of his having done so. The Moderator is then to call a special meeting of the contributors at Belfast, that said opinion may be laid before them, and such measures adopted as shall be deemed expedient.

A Committee consisting of Messrs Hanna, Horner, Bankhead, Dr James Neilson and Mr Bruce was appointed to examine the accounts of the late Dr Black as agent for R.D., and Treasurer of the Fund; and also those of Mr Hay as Treasurer of the Fund *pro tempore.*

This Committee reported, that they had examined the accounts of Mr Hay as Treasurer of the Fund *pro tempore*, and found them correct.

The Committee farther reported, that not having Dr Black's books before them, they had not been able to execute that part of their commission which related to his accounts as agent for R.D. and Treasurer of the Fund.

Resolved that a Committee consisting of Messrs Horner, Porter, Dunlop, and R. Dill Junr, shall forthwith repair to Londonderry, in order to examine Dr Black's books, and make a final settlement of his accounts.

Fund Committee

Resolved that the Moderator, Mr Thompson, Dr Bruce, Mr Hanna, Mr McCance, Mr James Bankhead, Mr Horner, Mr Malcom, Mr R. Hogg, Mr Blakely, and Mr McEwen be a committee for superintending the affairs of the Fund for one year. This Committee to meet in Belfast, when called by the Moderator, on any emergency—five to be a quorum.

Annuity to Widows

Resolved that the annuity to the widows for the current year, shall be fixed by the contributors at the special meeting in Belfast, which the Moderator has already been instructed to convene.

Resolved that the deputation appointed by the Synod of this year, to present an address to the Lord Lieutenant, shall write to the Rt. Hon. Robert Peel, and to Mr Vaughan of London, and return them our sincere thanks for their good offices in procuring a more desirable arrangement of English R.D.

The deputation are farther instructed to wait, when in Dublin, on the Rev. Joseph Hutton, and to communicate to him our acknowments for his exertions in the same business.

Dr William Neilson, stated that in consequence of having accepted the situations of Classical Head Master and Professor in Hebrew in the Belfast Academical Institution, he intended to resign the Pastoral charge of the congregation of Dundalk; and wished the Interloquitur to inform him, whether by such resignation, his connection with the Widows' Fund would be affected. Dr Neilson farther stated that it was by no means his intention, to lay down the "ministerial character," that he was resolved to continue a member of a Presbytery; to perform such clerical duties as his circumstances would allow; and to accept of any congregation in Belfast, or its immediate vicinity, which might choose him for their pastor. Dr. William Neilson

Resolved that Dr William Neilson's connexion with the Fund, and the interest of his family therein, cannot, in our opinion, be affected by the resignation contemplated, inasmuch, as we do not think that the instruction of youth can be considered as a *secular employment*, within the meaning of our regulations, provided, that the minister, who may resign for this purpose, his pastoral charge, shall continue under the care, and subject to the appointments of some Presbytery, either of the Synod of Ulster, or the Synod of Munster.

A letter was read from Mr Gamble, praying that he might be restored to his privileges as a contributor to the Fund. To this application the Interloquitur refused to accede. Mr Gamble

Mr Hanna gave notice that at our next annual meeting, he will bring forward a motion to the following effect, viz.—That the widow or family of a degraded minister, a contributor to the Fund, shall on his death be entitled to all the benefits thereof, provided his annual subscription be paid to the Treasurer, on the 29th day of September in every year. Notice of a motion by Mr Hanna

Mr Campbell gave notice, that at our next annual meeting, he will move for the repeal of the 11th Regulation of the Fund. Notice by Mr Campbell

Inserted November 12th 1818.

WILLIAM PORTER, Clerk, G. Synod.

Attested by

WILLIAM PORTER, Clk. G. Synod.

A General Synod at Belfast June 29th 1819.

The Rev. Henry Montgomery, Moderator, having preached from 1st Cor. 1st Chap. 21st verse, constituted the Synod by Prayer.

Present the following Members:

Dromore Presbytery.

Ministers	Elders
John Thompson	James Simpson
John McCance	Wm. M. Wilson
Alexr. Patterson	William Dixon
John McIlwain	Jos. Nicholson
William Wright	Robt. Gardner
Moses Finlay	
William Magowan	
Henry Cooke	
James McLeland	Wm. Davison
James B. Black	Thos. Kennedy
William Craig	
Samuel Crory	George McAdam

Belfast Presbytery.

Ministers	Elders
Doctor Hanna	James Munfoad
Henry Simpson	William Duff
James McCullogh	John Dalzell
James Riddell	
Fletcher Blakely	Gawin Orr
John Hanna	Robert Patton
William Harrison	Joseph Harrison
Henry Hazlett	David Stewart
Alexander McEwen	

Bangor Presbytery.

Ministers	Elders
Dr. Stephenson	
Andrew Craig	Joseph Fulton
James Sinclair	
Robert Acheson	James McKain
John Watson	
William Moreland	R. McDonald
John Mulligan	James Lunn
Hugh Woods	
H. Montgomery	Walter Roberts
Willlam Finlay	Samuel Carson
David White	Richard Stitt
William Skelly	John Hanna
William Campbell	

Dublin Presbytery.

Ministers	Elders
James Horner	
Samuel Simpson	

Ballymena Presbytery.

Ministers	Elders
Thomas Henry	Hugh Rodgers
Henry Henry	Hugh Lynn
John Smith	
Robert Stewart	Robert Magill
George McClelland	
William Wachope	
William Wray	
Robert Park	William Orr
Wm. Cuthbertson	

Letterkenny Presbytery.

Ministers	Elders

Clogher Presbytery.

Ministers	Elders
John Anderson	

Route Presbytery.

Ministers	Elders
James Elder	
Mathew Elder	
John Brown	
William Lyle	
Jackson Graham	

Monaghan Presbytery.

Ministers	Elders
Joseph Denham	
James Goudie	
James Morell	Arch. Martin
Patrick White	
James Harpur	

Monaghan Presbytery—continued.

Ministers	Elders
Robert Winning	
Thomas Kennedy	
John Alexr. Adams	

Tyrone Presbytery.

Ministers	Elders
Thomas Mackay	
David Bennet	
William Brown	Robert Clarke
Robt. Cunningham	
Robert Allen	
John Hogg	

Armagh Presbytery.

Ministers	Elders
Dr. Neilson	
James Bankhead	Robert Dickson
Dr. Wm. Neilson	
Samuel Arnold	
And. G. Malcom	
Robert Adams	
Arthur Neilson	John Blakely
James Davis	
James Gardner	James Harden
Samuel Eccles	
David Davison	

Strabane Presbytery

Ministers	Elders
William Porter	

Derry Presbytery.

Ministers	Elders
Mathew Heron	
John Mitchell	
George Hay	
Andw. McCaldin	James Lynd

Templepatrick Presbytery.

Ministers	Elders
John Savage	
Adam Hill	
Robert Orr	J. Montgomery
John Murphy	William Gregg
Robert Campbell	
Nat. Alexander	John Wilson
William Glendy	
Samuel Elder	
James Cochran	Wm. Robinson

Elders from congregations either vacant or whose Ministers have not attended.

James Owens	from Donegore
Robert Anderson	Bushmills
Robert McCracken	———

Mr Patterson Moderator

Mr Montgomery having moved that a Moderator for the present year be now chosen, the following Ministers were put in nomination :— Messrs Patterson, H. Simpson, Moreland, S. Simpson, Wauchope, J. Elder, Goudie, Cunningham, Malcom, McCaldin, and Orr. The Roll was called, and Mr Patterson chosen.

Mr Porter continued Clerk.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, and prepare lists, to be handed to the the Clerk to-morrow morning, of the members whom they appoint for the Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, and General Synod's Fixed Committee; the names and addresses of their respective Moderators for the year; an account of such Ministers belonging to them, as have died, been ordained, or installed; of such Candidates as have been licensed, or entered on trials; and of such Students as have been examined previous to their going to College, and subsequently to their return, since the last meeting of Synod; a report of their Annuitants on the Fund; of any that have died during the last twelve months, with the time of their decease; and such other returns as our regulations require.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

Second Session, (*Wednesday morning,* 10 *o'clock.*)

After prayer, the Presbyteries made returns of their Members for the several Committees; also the following Reports:—

Mr Cooke installed

Messrs Craig and Crory ordained

Mr Adair's License withdrawn

8 Annuitants

Death of Mr Greer

Death of Mrs Rowan

6 Annuitants

Dromore Presbytery report, that on the 8th of September, 1818, they installed the Revd Henry Cooke in the Congregation of Killileagh —That on the 2d of February last, they ordained the Revd William Craig, at Carnmoney, as assistant and successor to the Revd John Thomson; and on 23d of March last, the Rev. Samuel Crory, as Minister of the newly erected congregation of Drumlough, who both adhered to their former subscription of the Westminster Confession of Faith, and are contributors to the Widows' Fund. That they have licensed to preach the Gospel, Messrs John McCauley, and John Carson; and that on the 18th of last month, they withdrew his license from Mr William Adair. They have entered on first trials Mr James Templeton. Have received certificates from Alexander Patterson, John Mulligan, Thomas May, Robert Little, John Bell, William Murphy, and William Hay, stating their regular attendance at College, from the 3rd of November until the 1st of May, during the last Session, in the classes of Moral Philosophy, Junior Mathematics, and Greek. Charles Adams attended the Logic and Greek classes from the 11th of November 1818, until the 18th of April, 1819; and Robert Ferris attended the same classes during the period prescribed by the Synod. They examined Edward Allen, previous to his going to College the first time. The Revd William Craig, Carmoney, Belfast, is their Moderator for the year. They have on the Fund Mrs Hay of Donoughmore Congregation now residing in Donegal; Mrs Thomson (now Mrs Campbell) and daughter, of Mourne Congregation; Mrs Magee, of Lurgan; Mrs Eliza Barber, of Rathfryland; Mrs Isabella Little, of Killileagh; Mrs Mary Patrick, of Magherally; Mrs Mary Waddel, of Dromore; and Mrs Margaret McClelland of Ballynahinch.

Belfast Presbytery report, that the Revd Andrew Greer died on the 6th of April, 1819, leaving neither widow nor family—That they have entered on first trials, Messrs Samuel Neilson, Hugh Maine, Thomas Reid, and Alexander Orr—That Mr Campbell Blakely having obtained a General Certificate, in the Belfast Academical Institution, having produced from a seceding Minister a satisfactory testimonial as to his moral conduct, having undergone all examinations according to the rules of Synod, and having studied Divinity during one Session, has been entered by them on first trials—That they have received the necessary specimens from Messrs Moore, Shaw, and Hugh Hutton, on their return from College the third time; all of whom attended lectures from the 10th of November until the 1st of May. That they have examined, previous to their going to College the first time, John Carnduff, and John Mawhinney—The Revd Henry Haslett, Castlereagh, Belfast, is their Moderator for the year. Mrs Rowan died on the 6th of April 1819. They have on the Fund, Mrs Kennedy, of Holywood Congregation; Mrs Jane McEwen, of Killinchy; Mrs Frances Kelburn, of Belfast; Mrs Sarah Henry, of Castlereagh; Mrs Isabella Grey, of Castlereagh; and Mrs Elizabeth Harrison (now McIlveen) of Holywood.

Bangor Presbytery, report, that they examined William Neilson, and John Byers, previously to their going to College the first time; Hugh Gamble and James Mulligan, after their return the first time; and James Cahoon and Henderson Wightman, after their return the second time; who all attended the full session—That on the first Tuesday of May last, they licensed Mr John Blakely to preach the Gospel—That the Revd Andrew Goudy died on the 8th of December 1818, leaving a widow and family—The Revd David Whyte, Ballee, Downpatrick, is their Moderator for the year. Have on the Fund Mrs Jane Hull, (now in America), of Bangor Congregation, Mrs Patterson, of Ballee; Mrs Bryson, of the fourth congregation Belfast; Mrs Ann Porter of Grayabbey; Mrs Mary Caldwell, of Dundonald; Mrs Jane Cochrane, of Ballywalter; Mrs Porter of Clough; Mrs Matilda Goudy, of Ballywalter, and the family of Mr Arnold of Donaghadee.

Death of Mr Goudy

9 Annuitants

Dublin Presbytery report, that on the 23d of September, 1818, they ordained the Revd Joseph Scott, in the congregation of Stratford-on-Slany; that he signed the Westminster Confession of Faith, and declared himself a contributor to the Widows' Fund—That Mrs Wilson, widow of the late Revd William Wilson, one of the ministers of Usher's Quay, Dublin, died in the month of January last. The Revd James Horner, 23, Lower Dorset Street, Dublin, is their Moderator for the year.

Mr Scott ordained in Stratford

Death of Mrs Wilson

Ballymena Presbytery report, that on the 22nd of September last, they ordained the Revd William Cuthbertson to the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Cullybacky; and on the 10th of November last the Revd Archibald Hutchinson to the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Dunean; both of whom are contributors to the Widows' Fund—That Mr Christy died on the 1st of August last, leaving neither widow nor family—That they have licensed Mr Robert Magill to preach the Gospel—That they have entered on first trials, Messrs Thompson and Montgomery; and have received specimens in Divinity from Messrs Allison and Rogers. Their young men have attended College, from the commencement to the end of the last session. They have on the Fund, Mrs Elizabeth Lindsay, of Ballymena Congregation, Mrs Victoria Brown, of Broughshane; Mr Elizabeth Howard, of Ahoghill; Mrs Mary Mitchel, of Ballymoney; and the family of Mr Park, of Buckna. The Revd W. McClintock Wray, Buckna, Ballymena, is their Moderator for the year.

Mr Cuthbertson and Mr Hutchinson ordained

Death of Mr Christy

5 Annuitants

Letterkenny Presbytery report, that Mr Leitch died on the 25th of September last, leaving neither widow nor family; and Mr Alexander Marshall, on the 28th of February last, leaving a widow and family—That they examined Messrs Moses and John Rogers, and John Ramsay previously to their going to College the first time; Messrs Allen, Russel, and Johnstone, on their return the second time; and Mr Steele on his return the third time. Have on first trials, Mr Gibson. Mr Steele appeared at the meeting of the Presbytery in April last, and produced certificates of his having attended lectures on Divinity, Church History, and Hebrew, (in the College of Glasgow) from the commencement of the session, until the 17th of April. He assigned bad health, as the reason of his not having continued at College until

Death of Mr Leitch and of Mr A. Marshall

the 1st of May; which reason, the Presbytery believe to be true. They request the direction of the Synod with respect to him. They have on the Fund, Mrs Margaret Burke, of Rathmelton Congregation; Mrs Delap, of the old Congregation of Omagh; and Mrs Margaret Allen, of the united Congregations of Leater and Dunfanaghy. The Revd William Ramsay, of Raphoe, is their Moderator for the year.

3 Annuitants

Clogher Presbytery report, that they examined Mr James Beatty previously to his going to College the first time, and also on his return, after studying there a full session. They have on the Fund, Mrs Mary Moorhead, of the United Congregations of Fintona and Dromore.

1 Annuitant

Mr. McKee

Route Presbytery report, that the Revd Daniel McKee, finding himself unable, from infirmity, and the agitated state of his Congregation, to discharge his pastoral duties with advantage requested the Presbytery, on the 15th February last, to allow his Congregation to choose an Assistant and Successor. They have examined Mr McKay, in Natural Philosophy; and have on first trials, Messrs McLaughlin, Hamill, and Watson, who all attended College during the time prescribed by Synod. They have on the Fund, Mrs Gaston, Mrs Smyly, Mrs Mary Hamilton, Mrs Elder, Mrs Davis, (supposed to be in America), Mrs Simpson, Mrs Elizabeth Macmullin, Mrs Blair, Mrs Sarah Fullerton, Mrs Jane Greer and family, Mrs Elizabeth McClelland, Mrs Margaret McFarland, Mrs Logan, and the family of Mr Thompson. The Revd John Patterson, Macosquin, Coleraine, is their Moderator for the year.

14 Annuitants

Monaghan Presbytery report, that Mr William White, and Mr Robert Rusk, having attended College from the commencement to the conclusion of the last session, were, on completing their trials, licensed by them to preach the Gospel. That they examined Mr James Goudy on his return from College the first time, and Mr James Shannon, after his return the third time, who both completed the Session required by Synod; and they also examined Mr John King, on his return from College the second time, having attended there from the beginning of the Session till the 10th April. Mrs Warnock died in the month of April last. They have on the Fund, Mrs Smith of Stonebridge Congregation; Mrs Elizabeth Montgomery (now Gibson) of Bailieborough; Mrs Elizabeth Whiteside (now Gunn) of Stonebridge; Mrs Jane Moore, of Ervey and Carrickmaclim; Mrs Jane Wilson, of Longford; Mrs McIlree of Keady; Mrs Ann Jackson, of Ballybay; and the family of Mr Stewart of Cootehill. The Revd Robert Winning, Kingscourt, is their Moderator for the year.

Death of Mrs. Warnock

8 Annuitants

Tyrone Presbytery report, that on the 4th of August last, they licensed Mr William Brown to preach the Gospel. That they examined Mr William Henry, previously to his going to College the first time. Have on first trials Messrs Collins, Morgan, and Adams, who have finished their collegiate course, according to Synodical regulations, and also, Mr Samuel Sloane, who has attended Divinity one full session. Have on the Fund, Mrs Mary Boylan, of Minterburn Congregation; Mrs Martha Dougall, of Magherafelt; Mrs Matilda Chambers, of Stewartstown; and the family of Mr Stewart of Carland. The Revd John Hogg, of Carland, Stewartstown, is their Moderator for the year.

4 Annuitants

Armagh Presbytery report, that on the 23d of July, 1818, the Revd Dr William Neilson resigned the charge of the Congregation of Dundalk, and that they ordained there, on the 2nd of March, 1819, the Revd David Davison, who is a contributor to the Widows' Fund. They examined previously to their going to College the first time, Messrs George Vogan, Maurice McCaw, Samuel Moore, and James Hutton, whose time of attendance on their several classes was comfortable [conformable] to the regulation of Synod. The Presbytery resolved to supplicate the Synod for advice with respect to the Carlingford part of the United Congregations of Narrow-water and Carlingford. They have on the Fund, Mrs Martha Anne Thom, of Newry Congregation: Mrs Elizabeth Cuming of Armagh; and the family of Mr Shaw of Banbridge. The Revd A. G. Malcom, Newry, is their Moderator for the year.

Resignation of Dr. W. Neilson and ordination of Mr. Davison

Carlingford

3 Annuitants

Strabane Presbytery report, that Mr Henderson died on the 20th December, 1818, leaving a widow and family. That they have received on first trials, Mr James Alexander; and that they have examined, on his second return from College, Mr John Scott Porter, who produced certificates of attendance from the 3rd of November, to the 1st of May last. They have on the Fund Mrs Sarah Turbitt, Donaghedy Congregation; Mrs Anne Hamill, Donaghedy; Mrs Mary Anderson, Drumquin; and Mrs Margery Henderson, Derg and Killetur. The Revd Charles Hemphill, Gortin, Newtownstewart, is their Moderator for the year.

Death of Mr. Henderson

4 Annuitants

Derry Presbytery report, that the Revd Mathew Cuthbert died on the 30th of January last leaving a family. That in August last, they licensed Mr Robert Thompson to preach the Gospel. That they examined Messrs Smith, Walker, and Cunningham, after their return from College the first time, whose term of study there was conformable to the Synodical regulation. They have on the Fund, Mrs Martha Walker, of Malin Congregation; Mrs Elizabeth Patton, Knowhead; Mrs Margaret Scott, Malin; Mrs Isabella Law, Banagher; Mrs Martha Grey, Boveva; Mrs Jane Elder, Muff; Mrs Margaret Black, Derry; and the family of Mr Cuthbert, Colerain; The Revd Henry Kydd, Dungiven, is their Moderator for the year.

Death of Mr. Cuthbert

8 Annuitants

Templepatrick Presbytery report, that on the 6th of July, 1818, the Revd Henry Cooke resigned the pastoral charge of the congregation of Donegore. In October last they examined Mr Stephenson Hunter, previously to his going to College the first time, and in May, on his return. They have also examined Mr Doherty on his return the second time; Mr Erskine on his return the third time; and Mr McKee on his return the fourth time. They have licensed to preach the Gospel, Messrs Crawford, and Shaw. Have on second trials, Mr James S. Reid. On the Fund, Mrs Elizabeth Gibson, Crumlin Congregation; and Mrs Mary Thompson, Larne. The Revd William Glendy, Ballycarry, Carrickfergus, is their Moderator for the year.

Mr. Cooke's resignation of Donegore

2 Annuitants

Antrim Presbytery report, that they have on the Fund, Mrs Elizabeth Crombie, first Congregation, Belfast; Mrs Margaret Vance, second Congregation, Belfast; Mrs Alicia Nevin, Downpatrick; Mrs

7 Annuitants

Elizabeth Sinclair, Larne; and the families of Messrs Wightman, Holywood; Marshal, Ballyclare; and Bryson, Antrim. The Revd William Heron, of Ballyclare, Moderator.

General Synod's Fixed Committee for 1819.

Presbs.	Minrs.
Dromore,	Messrs McCance & Cooke,
Belfast,	Harrison & McEwen,
Bangor,	Mulligan & Woods,
Dublin,	Horner & Simpson,
Ballymena,	McClelland & Cuthbertson,
Letterkenny,	Reid & Carson,
Clogher,	Sampson & Philips,
Route,	Boyle & Butler,,
Monaghan,	Harpur & Winning,
Tyrone,	McKay & R. Hogg,
Armagh,	A. Neilson & Jenkins,
Strabane,	Gilkey & McCrea,
Derry,	Johnson & Kydd,
Templepatrick,	Campbell & Glendy,

These with an Elder from each Presbytery, our Moderator and Clerk, are to meet at Belfast when called by the Moderator on any emergency—fifteen to be a quorum, of whom twelve at least are to be Ministers.

Letterkenny Report

No member of Letterkenny Presbytery having attended this meeting, it was resolved, that though we allow the report transmitted from that body to be inserted in our Minutes, it is not to be considered as stamped with our sanction; because we have not the means of making inquiry concerning its correctness. With respect to Mr Steele, however, we consider the reason assigned for his non-conformity to the Synodical regulation of last year as valid. On the proceedings with regard to the other young men, mentioned in the report, we can give no opinion whatsoever. The several members of the Presbytery are enjoined to attend our next meeting, and to account for their absence from the present.

On reading that part of the report from the Presbytery of Route, which states, "That the Revd Daniel McKee had requested them to allow his Congregation to choose an Assistant and Successor," the circumstances connected with this application were minutely investigated; and it appearing, that the Presbytery had sanctioned an arrangement, by which M^r McKee was to resign the whole of his stipend, and the half of his R.D. to an assistant, when chosen; and that M^r McKee had concurred in this arrangement, in order to stop the prosecution of certain charges which had been preferred against his moral conduct—It was resolved, that we cannot countenance any such compromise as that which seems to have taken place on the occasion in question; and that the Presbytery be enjoined to investigate said charges, without delay, and decide thereon, conformably to our discipline. Mr. McKee

Adjourned—Committees to meet immediately—Open Synod at half-past three o'clock.

Third Session, (Wednesday afternoon, June 30, ½ past 3 o'clock).

On the second reading of that part of the report from the Presbytery of Armagh, which relates to Carlingford, it was stated by the Presbytery, as their decided opinion, that the persons now worshipping in that place are so very few, and the augmentation of their numbers so very improbable, that Mr Arnold's usefulness as a Minister would be greater, were he to discontinue his present practice of preaching there every sixth Sabbath, and devote his whole time to the Congregation of Narrow-water. Carlingford

After considerable discussion, it was moved as a resolution, That in our opinion, Mr Arnold ought to continue to supply Carlingford, as he has hitherto done; that the Presbytery of Armagh ought to assist him in supplying Narrow-water, and avail themselves of the services of such members of the Presbytery of Dromore, as may be willing to preach occasionally in Carlingford, during the ensuing year. The roll was called, and the resolution carried.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 7 o'clock.

Fourth Session, (Thursday morning, July 1st 7 o'clock).

After prayer, it was proposed as a resolution, that it is conducive to our interest as a body, that our Synodical meetings be held by turns, in many different places; and not longer in the same place than two years in immediate succession. This resolution was unanimously agreed to, and the members present pledged themselves to use their influence to have it acted on in future. Synod's place of meeting to be changed frequently

Conformably to the foregoing resolution, it was moved, that Cookstown be the place of the Synod's meeting next year; Lurgan also was put in nomination The roll was called and Cookstown carried. The meeting to take place on the last Tuesday of June next; divine se[r]vice to commence at five o'clock afternoon. Cookstown the place of meeting

Code of discipline

The Committee for preparing "A Code of Discipline &c." requested that they might be allowed another year to complete the business for which they had been appointed. The request was granted. Mr Thompson, on account of his present state of health was permitted to avail himself of Mr Cooke's assistance, in preparing the part of the Code allotted to him.

Petition against Distillation on Sabbath

The Committee for managing the Petitions against Distillation on the Lord's Day, reported, that the petition to the House of Lords had been presented by Lord O'Neill, on the request of Lord Hertford; and that, to the House of Commons, by Lord Castlereagh. They farther reported, that they had been informed by Mr Vansittart, Chancellor of the Exchequer, that a regulation was contemplated, which would put an end to the practice complained of.

Report of Examination Committee

The Committee for the examination of Students belonging to the Synod, in the Belfast Academical Institution, made the following report:—

"Belfast, April 28th 1819.

"At a meeting of the Committee appointed by the General Synod of Ulster, to attend the examination of students under the care of that body in the Belfast Academical Institution—present, H. Montgomery, Moderator, A. Craig, R. Acheson, J. Thomson, Dr Hanna, R. Campbell, H. Simpson, and F. Blakely.

"Having attended examinations in Natural Philosophy and Greek —ordered that our Moderator join the Professors Dr Knight and Dr Neilson, in granting Certificates to the following students, viz.:—

In Natural Philosophy, to Clarke Houston, William Erskine, William Hunter, John Shaw and Robert Carlisle.

"In Greek, to Edward Allen, William Henry, William Neilson, James Beattie, James Bones, James Hutton, John Byers, John Carnduff, Robert Ferris, and Stephenson Hunter.

"Edward Alexander having been prevented by sickness from being publicly examined in Greek, at the end of last session, offered himself for this purpose, after the general examination of the Class had been concluded. The Committee considering a separate examination informal, enjoined him to attend the public examinations in Greek at the close of the ensuing Session.

"April 29th—Present, H. Montgomery, Moderator, R. Acheson, J. Thompson, Dr Hanna, R. Campbell, F. Blakely, W. Finlay, W. Harrison, W. Wright, and W. Glendy.

"Having attended Examinations in Mathematics and Logic—ordered, that our Moderator join Professors Thomson and Cairns, in granting Certificates to the following students, viz.:—

"In Mathematics, to Alexander Patterson, Clarke Houston, George Bellis, William Erskine, William Neilson, James McCay, James Mulligan, James Hutton, John Bell, John Doherty, John Scott Porter, Robert Little and Thomas May.

"In Logic, to Edward Allen, William Henry, William Neilson, James Beatty, James Bones, James Hutton, John Byers, John Carnduff, John Scott Porter, Maurice McCaw, Robert Ferris, Stephenson Hunter and Edward Alexander.

"April 30th—Present, H. Montgomery, Moderator, R. Acheson, J. Thompson, Dr Hanna, H. Simpson, F. Blakely, W. Wright, W. Glendy, J. McCance, R. Campbell, and W. Harrison—T. Alexander, who was present sat with the Committee.

"Having attended examinations in Moral Philosophy—Ordered that our Moderator join Professor Young in granting certificates to the following Students, viz. to Alexander Patterson, George Bellis, George Jardine, James McCay, James Mulligan, John Bell, John Doherty, Robert Little, Thomas May, Edward Alexander, John Hutton, James Cowan, George Thomson, John Mulligan, William Hay, and Hugh Gamble.

"Clarke Houston, William Hunter, John Shaw and Robert Carlisle, having been examined in presence of the Committee, in Latin, Greek, Logic, Moral Philosophy, Natural Philosophy, and Mathematics, Ordered that our Moderator join the Professors of the Belfast Academical Institution, in granting to these Students the General Certificate, received by the Synod as equivalent to a Degree in Arts.

"The Committee having attended the examinations of William Erskine, with a view to his obtaining a General Certificate—Agreed unanimously that his answers were satisfactory, in the different departments, with the exception of Mathematics. He was therefore enjoined to continue his studies in that Science until our Moderator shall deem it proper to convene the Committee, for his re-examination.

"The Committee feel much pleasure in reporting, that the examinations, afforded convincing proof of the abilities of the professors, and the diligence of the Students; the proficiency being so great and general in each of the classes as to give high satisfaction to all present.

"Signed,

F. BLAKELY, Clerk of the Committee.

Resolved, that the Committee of last year be continued for the present; and that any other Ministers of the Synod, who may attend the Examinations, shall have the privilige of voting with regard to them.

Professorship of Anatomy in the B.A.I.

By a letter addressed to the Moderator, the Joint Boards of Managers and Visiters of the Belfast Academical Institution informed the Synod of the prosperous state of that Seminary and their having recently established in it a professorship of Anatomy and Medical Philosophy—The Moderator was desired to express the satisfaction which this Communication has afforded to the Synod.

Mrs. Cuming

The Committee for purchasing a piece of Plate, to be presented to Mrs Cuming and family, were instructed to expend for that purpose the amount of whatever contributions the shall have received on the 1st of November next.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

Fifth Session, (Thursday morning, 10 o'clock).

Church of Scotland

On reading the regulation of last year, which goes to prohibt Clergymen of the Church of Scotland from preaching on any occasion, in our pulpits—it was moved, that the regulation be re[s]cinded, and the following enacted in its stead—"That as the Church of Scotland passed an Act in 1799 which excludes the Ministers and Licentiates of our body from preaching, in their Congregations, and though respectfully and repeately applied to, have not made any alteration of said Act, favourable to us; therefore we deem it a duty which we owe to our Licentiates and to ourselves, to declare that the Ministers and Licentiates of the Church of Scotland shall not be eligible to any of our Congregations, nor allowed to preach in any of our vacancies."—The roll was called, and the motion carried. Against this decision, the following Protest was entered.

Protest

We the undersigned protest,

First—Because the Act of the General Assembly of 1799, was an unhandsome and unkind violation of the amity which had long subsisted between that Church and ours.

Secondly—Because, when we applied for a revision and alteration of said unkind Act, the Assembly treated our remonstrance, at first with total neglect, and finally with insult.

Thirdly—Because, after duly considering all the circumstances, we resolved in the year 1818, to protect the interests of our Licentiates and the peace of our Congregations, by preventing persons in connexion with the Church of Scotland from preaching in our pulpits—and as no change has taken place in that Law of the Assembly, we think the present decision of Synod discovers an unwise and vacillating policy.

Fourthly—Because, there can be no real friendship, where there is not a mutual return of civilities, and where the parties are not upon an equality. We therefore consider it highly disgraceful to the Synod, to fawn upon a Body of men whe have treated them with unmerited contempt and insult.

Fifthly—Because, in our opinion, neither honour nor advantage is likely to accrue from a re-union with the Church of Scotland; and even if there were, we think the present decision will have the most powerful tendency to prevent it.

(Signed)

H. Montgomery	Moses Neilson	D. Davison
W. Harrison,	J. A. Adams	Samuel Eccles.
J. Anderson,	R. Acheson,	Elders,
Adam Hill,	James Riddel,	W. M. Wilson
Thomas Henry,	J. Murphy,	James McKean,
W. Finlay,	John Smith,	John Montgomery
David Whyte,	W. Wright,	Joseph Harrison,
James Harpur,	W. Glendy,	J. Lunn.

Synod adjourned till half-past two o'clock.

Sixth Session, (Thursday, ½ past 2 o'clock, afternoon).

Mr Montgomery stated, that after consulting some aged members of Synod, he had resolved not to bring forward, at present, any new regulations respecting marriage. Marriage Regulations

The Committee, last year, appointed to determine the matter at issue between Mr Smith, Mr Campbell, and the Presbytery of Route; and also to consider the pamphlet published by Mr Campbell, reported —That they had met at Ballymoney, according to instructions; and after a laborious investigation, (the minutes of which were read to the Synod by their Clerk) had come to the following resolutions :— Case of Mr. Smith and Presbytery of Route

"I. Resolved, That in reporting to the Presbytery of Route, the charge against Mr Campbell, Mr Smith did an act of duty, as a Minister of the Synod; though we cannot wholly approve of the manner in which he did it, inasmuch as we think he ought to have made more particular inquiry respecting the truth of the charge, before he reported it to the Presbytery."

From the latter part of the foregoing resolution, Mr Harrison declared that he dissented, because it appeared to him, that Mr Smith had made sufficient inquiry before he reported the charge.

"II. Resolved unanimously, That we highly disapprove of the spirit in which the Presbytery of Route received Mr Smith's communication of the charge against Mr Campbell—That we also disapprove of the manner in which the majority of that body seem to have acted, during the investigation, towards the witnesses examined in support of said charge, But, above all, that we disapprove of the conduct of the Presbytery, in having, at a subsequent meeting in Garva, altered their decision, at the request of Mr Campbell, so as to cast a severe and unmerited reflection on the moral character of Mr Smith; and this at a time when Mr Smith had regularly entered an appeal to the Synod against their original decision: and when they knew that that gentleman was in prison, and utterly unapprised of their proceeding.

"III. Resolved, That as Mr Campbell has declined entering on his defence, and as no new evidence in his favour has appeared during the investigation, we see no reason for altering the decision of the Synod of 1817, with respect to him."

From this resolution Mr Cooke expressed his dissent.

The Committee, after hearing Mr Campbell at great length, in support of certain statements in his pamphlet,

"IV.—Resolved, That a pamphlet entitled 'Letter to the Revd, the Synod of Ulster,' &c., &c, of which Mr Campbell has acknowledged himself the author, is a scandalous invective against the Synod of Ulster, abounding with the most groundless, indecent, and malicious representations." Mr. Campbell's pamphlet

Having received the foregoing report, the Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 7 o'clock.

Seventh Session, (Friday morning, July 2nd 7 o'clock).

After prayer, resolved unanimously—That the decision of the Committee which met at Ballymoney be approved of; and that the thanks of the Synod be returned to them, for their assiduous and acute investigation of the case on which they were appointed to decide.

Mr Campbell's credentials declared null

The Presbytery of Route having admitted, that since the decision of the Committee with regard to Mr Campbell, they had given him credentials as a preacher of the Gospel, previously to his departure from the Kingdom—it was moved, and unanimously agreed to, That the credentials thus improperly given, be declared null and void.

It was farther moved—That the conduct of the Presbytery of Route, in the whole affair of Mr Smith and Mr Campbell; has been highly reprehensible, and that those members of that body who signed the credentials given to the latter; and also, those members who concurred in the alteration made at Garva of the original decision respecting Mr Smith, shall be suspended from preaching for one Lord's day.

Moved, as an amendment—That we highly disapprove of the conduct of the Presbytery of Route, in the case of Mr Smith and Mr Campbell; and that the act of a majority of that body, in signing credentials for the latter, is particularly reprehensible—it is therefore resolved, that the Presbytery shall be most seriously admonished to conduct themselves with more propriety for the time to come, and as only a few members of that body are now present, it is farther resolved, to express, in a written document, to be transmitted to their Moderator, and publickly read by him at their next meeting, the strong displeasure which we feel at their irregular proceedings; and a solemn warning, never again to be guilty of similar misconduct—The roll was called and this amendment negatived.

Presbytery of Route suspended

The original motion for suspension was then put and carried. The following members desired that their dissent from this decision should be entered on the Ministers [Minutes], viz. G. Hay, J. Horner, A. G. Malcolm, H. Cooke, R. Stewart, R. Park, J. Mitchell, M. Heron, W. Wauchope, P. White, W. Craig, R. Allen, T. McKay, H. Haslett, and Robert Magill, Elder,

Ordered, that the suspension shall take place on the second Sabbath of August next: and accordingly, those members of the Presbytery of Route, who either signed Mr Campbell's credentials, or who concurred in the procedure at Garva, are hereby suspended for that day.

A Committee appointed to devise the mode of carrying this sentence into effect, reported, that according to the best evidence they could obtain, the following members of Route Presbytery came under the operation of the foregoing order of Synod, viz:—

R. Rentoul,	his cong^{n} to be supplied, and his suspension announced by	H. Kydd.
J, Elder,	Do.	T. Henry.
M. Elder,	Do.	H. Henry.
A. Martin,	Do.	G. McClelland
James Brown,	Do.	A. McCaldin.
Chas. Kennedy,	Do.	W. Moore.
Richard Dill,	Do.	J. Mitchell.
James Boyle,	Do.	R. Stewart.
J. Whiteside,	Do.	Wm Porter.
S. Butler,	Do.	J. A. Johnson.

The Committee farther reported their opinion, that the Probationers supplying the pulpits of the Ministers appointed to announce the suspensions, should be paid one Guinea each by the respective persons suspended.

The decision of the Committee was sustained, and the measures recommended by them were adopted by the Synod.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

Eighth Session, (Friday morning, 10 o'clock).

Letter from Faculty of the B A I.

A Letter from the Faculty of the Belfast Academical Institution, was presented to the Moderator by a deputation from that body, and read by the Clerk. As certain suggestions in this communication (respecting the discipline of the Theological Class), were connected with an affair, understood to be referred [to], in the report of the committee for managing the concerns of the Divinity Professorship, it was agreed to postpone the consideration of these suggestions, till that report should be presented.

Divinity Professorship

The Committee for managing the concerns of the Divinity Professorship, gave in a report of their proceedings during the last twelve months. The report contained a charge against Mr Hugh Hutton, a Student in the Theological Class, for contumacious behaviour towards the Committee, and Professor Hanna.

Mr Hutton was heard in his defence.

Mr. Hutton

Adjourned till half-past 2 o'clock.

Ninth Session, (Friday afternoon, ½ past 2 o'clock).

Dr Hanna, and the Professorship Committee were, heard on the subject of Mr Hutton's behaviour.

Resolved—That the conduct of the committee, and of Dr Hanna, as Professor, is entitled to our highest approbation.

Resolved—That the Presbytery of Belfast, to which Mr Hutton belongs, be ordered to admonish him with respect to his conduct during the last Session, as a Student in the Theological Class; and to inform

him, that unless he submit to the regulations, he cannot be continued under the care of the Synod. Against this decision, Mr Blakely and others signified their intention of protesting and promised to assign their reasons in due time.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 7 o'clock.

Tenth Session, (Saturday morning, July 3d 7 o'clock).

Resolved—That as Mr Hutton's conduct in the Theological Class, during last session, has been disrespectful and contumacious, both towards the Managing Committee and Dr Hanna, he shall not again be admitted into the class without acknowledging to the Committee and Dr Hanna, severally, that his behaviour has been improper.

That part of the Report of the committee, which relates to the funds for supporting the Divinity Professorship, being taken into consideration, it appeared that the amount of contributions,

State of the Funds for support of Divinity Professorship

Received, prior to last meeting of Synod, from 10 Congregations is	£241	14	3½
Received, since last meeting of Synod, from 3 Congregations	58	2	11½
Making amount of permanent Fund	£292	17	3
Received, prior to last meeting, from 41 Ministers	85	10	0
Received, since last meeting of Synod, from 13 Ministers	23	10	0
Making for the support of the Professorship during 2 years only.	£109	0	0

Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

Eleventh Session, (Saturday morning, 10 o'clock).

Moved, that every Minister of the Synod, who shall not, before our next annual meeting, have paid his own quota of contribution in support of the Divinity Professorship, and endeavoured to make a collection for the same purpose from his people, shall at that meeting, be publicly admonished from the Chair.

Moved, as an amendment, that for each Presbytery belonging to this body, two Ministers not members thereof, be appointed, who shall visit its respective Congregations, and endeavour to raise money for the support of our Divinity Professorship, either by private contributions, or by congregational collections, made, after suitable addresses to the people; or by both these modes conjointly.

The original motion was withdrawn, and the amendment agreed to.

For the above-mentioned purpose, the following persons were appointed to make collections in the different Presbytery's [Presbyteries.]

Dromore,	Messrs Blakely & Davis
Belfast,	Woods & W. Finlay
Bangor,	Wright & H. Simpson
Dublin,	Morell & Cooke,
Ballymena,	John Brown & W. Craig,
Clogher,	R. Campbell, Sen. & Harpur,
Letterkenny,	J. A. Johnson & J. A. Adams,
Route,	Glendy & Park,
Monaghan,	Malcolm & Eccles,
Tyrone,	Anderson & Harrison,
Armagh,	Bennett & R. Allen,
Strabane,	H. Henry & E. Reid,
Derry,	Porter & R. Dill, Jun.
Templepatrick,	Stewart & D. Whyte.

These Gentlemen are to apply for the contributions of such ministers in their respective circuits, as have not yet obeyed the injunction of Synod—The money collected, to be forwarded without delay, to Mr James Munfoad, Belfast. Whatever expense they shall incur in fulfilling the object of their appointment, on being reported to the Synod at its next meeting, shall be defrayed out of the sums collected.

They are, in due time, to notify to each Minister in the several districts allotted to them, the particular day on which they will visit his Congregation; and on receiving such notification, each Minister is enjoined to announce the same to his people; and read from the pulpit, the whole of the Minute on this subject, that they may be prepared with their Contributions.

Ordered—That during their absence, on this business of general concern, their pulpits shall be gratuitously supplied by the Presbyteries to which they respectively belong.

Resolved—that our Moderator shall write to the Moderator of the Synod of Munster as representative of that body, and to the several members of the Presbytery of Antrim, requesting their co-operation in support of our Divinity Professorship—an establishment so highly conducive to the interests of Presbyterianism in Ireland.

Resolved—That the Professorship Committee of last year, be requested to meet this evening, and consult on the means of carrying into effect the suggestions transmitted from the Faculty of the Belfast Academical Institution, respecting the discipline of the Theological Class, and to report to the Synod the result of their deliberations.

Adjourned till 12 o'clock on Monday next.

Twelfth Session, (Monday, July 5th, 12 o'clock).

After prayer, the Committee, requested to take into consideration the discipline of the Theological Class, recommended it as expedient,

Discipline of Theological Class

that the Professor and Students of that class, so far as relates to entrance, lectures, examinations, and the support and management of the Theological library, be continued under the direction of the Committee, annually appointed, to manage the concerns of the Professorship; but, that in all other matters, they be placed under the government and control of the Faculty of the Belfast Academical Institution.

The above recommendation was adopted by the Synod.

Course of Summer reading prescribed to Students in B A.I.

The Faculty of the Belfast Academical Institution informed the Synod, that they had recommended to such students as had passed through the Logic class, to read, during the summer recess, Cicero's Offices, and, in the Greek Testament, the Gospels, and Acts of the Apostles, preparatory to an examination, to be held at the commencement of the ensuing session; and that they had, in like manner, recommended to such students as had passed through the Moral Philosophy class, to read, for a similar examination, the two first Books of Livy, and the Epistles and Revelation in the Greek Testament, They farther stated, that a prize shall be given to the best answerer in each class; and the proficiency of those who excel, mentioned in their class certificates. Of these measures the Synod highly approved.

Professorship Committee

Resolved—That the Committee of last year for managing the concerns of the Divinity Professorship, be requested to continue in office for the ensuing year. With this request the Committee complied. Mr Munfoad continued Treasurer.

Powers of the Committee

Resolved—That all affairs relating to the interests and management of the Theological class, as well as the government of the students whilst assembled in the class room, be committed, for the ensuing year, to the above appointed Committee, and Professor Hanna; bnt that in all other respects, the Theological Students shall be under the government and control of the Faculty.

The members last year appointed, to present an Address to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, viz., Messrs Montgomery, Moderator, Horner, Dr W. Neilson, and Mr Hay, reported, that they had been most graciously received by his Excellency, and had been favoured by him with the following answer:—

Lord Lieutenant's answer to the address of last year

"I return you many thanks for the very flattering manner in which you have been pleased to express yourselves towards me.

"I can have no doubt, that your loyal conduct during my stay in this country, will fully warrant me in representing you to his Majesty's Government, as amply deserving that confidence and favour, which have been so long and so deservedly extended to you.

Synod adjourned till a quarter past 4 o'clock.

OVERTURES.

Thirteenth Session, (Monday ¼ past 4 o'clock).

I. Overtured—That with a view to preserve a knowledge of important facts relative to the Presbyterians of Ireland, the Ministers

of the Synod shall prepare accounts of their Congregations, and submit them to their respective Presbyteries.

That ministers shall state the situation and extent, with the dates and circumstances of the original settlement, of their Congregations—the names of the Ministers, from the earliest period, with the dates and circumstances of their ordinations, installations, removals, depositions, and deaths—And shall particularly mention in what respects, important to Presbyterianism, any of the Ministers, or their Congregations, or any individuals belonging to their Congregations, have distinguished themselves.

They shall also give an account of Congregational records, and shall enter into such detail of facts, as they may judge proper, respecting their houses of worship, religious services, psalmody, elders, observance of Church discipline, funds, stipend paid at different periods, collections and subscriptions, zeal of their Congregations, number of families, state of education, and the numbers and influence of other denominations of Christians within their bounds.

Ministers will take notice of any other particulars respecting their Congregations, which they may consider worthy of being recorded.

Moved and agreed to, that the consideration of this overture be deferred till next meeting of Synod.

No Assistant Minister to be ordained without leave from Synod

II. Overtured, and unanimously agreed to—That no Presbytery shall ordain or install an Assistant minister in any Congregation, until the Minister of said Congregation shall have obtained leave from the General Synod, to take an assistant and successor.

Candidates for Moderatorship of Synod to be nominated by Presbyteries at a previous meeting

III. Overtured, and unanimously agreed to—That Presbyteries shall at their meeting immediately previous to that of the General Synod, nominate one of their members, to be returned as a candidate for the office of Moderator to the Synod. Any Presbytery neglecting this rule, shall forfeit the privilige of returning a candidate.

Ministers to keep a Registry of Marriages

IV. Overtured and unanimously agreed to—That every Minister of this Synod shall keep, or cause to be kept, a regular registry of all the marriages celebrated by him; stating the date of each marriage, the names of the parties, the Congregations or Parishes in which they reside, and the names of at least two of the witnesses present at the celebration of the ceremony. And every Minister is enjoined to give in annually to his Presbytery, at the meeting immediately previous to that of the General Synod, a correct list, authenticated by his own signature, of the marriages which he has celebrated during the foregoing year. These marriages are to be registered by the Clerk of each Presbytery, in a book kept for the purpose. Any Minister who shall not return such correct list, will be liable to the same penalties, as if had celebrated marriage irregularly.

and Baptism

V. Overtured and unanimously agreed to—That every minister of the Synod be enjoined to register, or cause to be registered, in a book to be kept for that purpose, the names of all children baptised by him; the dates of their birth and baptism; the names of their parents, and the places of residence. This book shall be carefully preserved, and

considered as the property of the congregation—to remain with them on the death, resignation, or removal of the Minister, and to be handed to his Successor, for the purpose of continuing the registry.

Mode of licensing Candidates

VI. Overtured, and unanimously agreed to—That when candidates for the Ministry have gone through the course of education and trials, prescribed by the Synod, they shall be licensed to preach the Gospel, in the following manner, viz. Their respective Presbyteries shall license them in public, and at a regular meeting. A member of Presbytery, previously appointed for the purpose, shall, from the pulpit, deliver to to the Licentiates an address, suitable to the occasion, and tending to impress on their minds, the importance and responsiblity of the Ministerial office.

BILLS.

Memorial respecting Congregational Farm of Corglass

I. A Memorial was presented from the Minister, Session and Congregation of Corglass, praying for the countenance and support of the Synod, in defending their title to a farm, set apart for their benefit, upwards of one hundred years ago, by Mr Hamilton, of Bailieborough.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 7 o'clock.

Fourteenth Session, (Tuesday morning, July 6th 7 o'clock).

After prayer, the consideration of the memorial from Corglass was resumed. Resolved—That we highly approve of the manner in which Mr Whyte, the Minister of Corglass, has conducted himself in this business, and that he merits the efficient support of the Synod, in defending his own claim, and that of his congregation, to the farm in question.

Mr Hay, agent of R.D. having signified his willingness to advance to Mr Whyte for this purpose, the sum of £150, on behalf of the Ministers of the Synod, the offer was accepted; and it was resolved—That Mr Hay is entitled to our warmest thanks, for his kind and accommodating proposal, and also, for his ready concurrence in the following plan for repaying to himself the money to be advanced, viz. —That out of the next half-yearly payment of R.D. he shall stop from

Ministers in the first class ..	.. £1 : 6 : 8
Ministers in the second class ..	.. 1 : 0 : 0
Ministers in the third class ..	.. 0 : 13 : 4

The foregoing plan was unanimously agreed to; and the members present pledged themselves to Mr Hay, for the reimbursement of the sum to be given to Mr Whyte.

This cause appears to the Synod of such interesting importance, that it is trusted and expected, that no member of the body will offer any objection to the plan proposed; and it is recommended that the Ministers who are now present, shall take pains, at the next meeting of their respective Presbyteries, to explain to those who are absent,

the imperious sense of duty, which has dictated to the Synod the resolution to assist Mr White and the congregation of Corglass in maintaining possession of their farm.

II. A memorial was presented from the newly erected congregation of Drumlough, praying, that as a Minister has now been ordained there, the Synod may assist them in procuring for him and his successors, a portion of his Majesty's Bounty. The prayer of this memorial was granted; and Messrs McCance, Hay, and Cooke, were appointed to prepare the necessary memorial to Government, that it may be signed and transmitted by the Moderator. Drumlough

III. A memorial was presented from certain inhabitants of the Parish of Anaghlone, who have hitherto adhered to the congregation of Loughbrickland, stating, that as they reside at a considerable distance from any place of worship, they cannot regularly attend on the public ordinances of religion—That they have obtained a piece of ground, on which they propose building a meeting-house; and that they supplicate the Synod to countenance and protect them in this undertaking. Anaghlone

After a minute inquiry into the circumstances of the case, it was resolved—That memoralists may proceed to build a meeting-house; and that they be referred to the Presbytery of Dromore, who shall grant them preaching as they may see cause.

IV. A memorial was presented from certain Members of the congregation of Donaghadee, stating, that in the month of November last, a charge against their Minister, the Revd William Skelly, for criminal conversation with Mrs Jane Hamilton, was investigated by the Presbytery of Bangor, which charge the Presbytery decided was "not proved." Against this decision, memorialists appealed, declaring their belief of Mr Skelly's guilt, and praying, that the Synod may institute a re-investigation of the case. Case of Mr. Skelly

A counter-memorial was presented from other members of the congregation, who declared their conviction of Mr Skelly's innocence; and prayed, that the foregoing application should be dismissed.

Moved—That the whole of this case be referred to a committee of the Synod.

Moved as an amendment—That the consideration of the case be entered on immediately.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

Fifteenth Session, (Tuesday morning, 10 o'clock).

The roll was called, and the amended motion of last sederunt negatived. The original motion was then passed; and a committee appointed, consisting of the following Ministers: the Moderator, Messrs Cooke, Glendy, Malcom, Wright, James Bankhead, Dr Hanna, Dr W. Neilson, T. Henry, McCance, Stewart, Hay, Park, H. Henry, Anderson, Eccles, N. Alexander. These with each an Elder, are ordered to meet

at Comber, on the last Tuesday of the present month, at twelve o'clock; to issue this matter. Nine Ministers to be a quorum. Those members of the Committee who do not attend according to appointment, shall, at the next meeting of Synod, be rebuked from the chair.

The committee are authorized to take cognizance of any other charge affecting the moral character of Mr Skelly, which may be regularly brought before them.

Mr Skelly must be furnished, ten days previous to the trial, with a copy of any additional charges which may be brought against him; together with a list of the witnesses by whom they are to be substantiated; and also, with a list of any new witnesses who may be produced in support of the charge already preferred.

The Presbytery of Bangor are enjoined to attend the meeting of the Committee. Their Minutes on this subject are to be considered as admissible evidence; and their Clerk is ordered to produce them at the trial.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock.

Sixteenth Session, (Tuesday 2 o'clock, afternoon).

Mr. S. Elder

Several members having stated, that after the commencement of the present meeting of Synod, the Revd Samuel Elder had appeared before the Committee of Bills in a state of intoxication, the Presbytery of Templepatrick, to which he belongs, are enjoined to take cognizance, at their next meeting, of this and other similar irregularities, of which he is reported to be guilty.

The Presbytery having stated, that they are to meet at Larne on the first Tuesday of August next, Messrs Cooke, Wauchope, and W. Finlay, are ordered to attend there on that day, and give testimony as to the offence alleged to have been committed before the Committee of Bills. Mr Elder to be furnished with a copy of this Minute ten days previous to the investigation; and also with the names of any witnesses, besides the three mentioned above, who may be produced against him. Our Moderator to issue a Citation to Mr Elder to appear before the Presbytery, at the aforesaid time and place.

Committee of Books

The Committee of Books having reported, that several Presbyteries had not obeyed the order of last year, respecting the production of their records,—these Presbyteries are most strictly enjoined, to conform to the order in future.

Notice respecting Synodical appointments

Mr Hay gave notice, that at the next annual meeting, he will move for a repeal of that rule, which prohibits Synodical appointments from being imposed on brethren who are absent, when such appointments are made.

Notice respecting Marriage regulations

Mr Denham gave notice, that he will, next year, move an amendment of the rule of 1805, respecting marriage, viz.—that the part of it which requires the consent of clergymen of another church, be

rescinded; as implying the subjection of Presbyterian ministers to an authority which they do not acknowledge, and over the exercise of which, the Presbyterian Church has no control.

Synod concluded with prayer.

INTERLOQUITUR.

A Statement of the receipts and payments of His Majesty's Royal Bounty, for the year ended the 29th of September, 1818, was submitted to the Interloquitor, and found correct.

The accounts of the Widows' Fund, for the year ended the 1st of October, 1818, were also submitted and found correct.

Queries to [be] submitted to a Calculator

Resolved—That the opinion of an experienced calculator be taken, on certain queries respecting the interests of the Fund; which are to be drawn up and submitted to him by a Committee consisting of the following members:—Messrs Bruce, McEwen, Ledlie, Dr Stephenson, Thompson, Dr Hanna, Malcom, Acheson, R. Hogg.

The Treasurer stated that according to the order of last Interloquitor, he had transmitted to each contributor a printed copy of the laws and regulations of the Fund; and had reserved a number of copies for the use of future contributors.

Order to Treasurer

On reading the third resolution of last Interloquitor it was ordered —That every year, at as early a period as possible, before the stated meeting of the contributors, the Treasurer shall transmit to the Moderator of each Presbytery, a particular statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Fund.

The motions, of which notices were last year given by Dr Bruce, and Mr Bruce were allowed to lie over till the next meeting of Interloquitur.

Treasurer's Security

For the faithful discharge of the trust reposed in him as Treasurer of the Fund, Mr Hay proposed Mr John Thompson, merchant, of Londonderry, as his security, to the amount of £2,000. The security was deemed sufficient, and ordered to be perfected.

Order to Treasurer

The Treasurer stated, that in obedience to his instructions, he had obtained the joint opinion of Sergeant Joy and Counsellor Smyly, as to the validity of the securities on which the capital of the Fund is lent.—The opinion was read; and the Treasurer was ordered to make certain inquiries respecting the security marked N° 3, and report the result to the next meeting of Interloquitur.

Resolved—That the Treasurer be requested to procure a final settlement of all accounts with the Representatives of Dr Black.

Fund Committee

Resolved—That the Moderator, Mr Thomson, Dr Bruce, Dr Hanna, Mr McCance, Mr James Bankhead, Mr Horner, Mr Malcom, Mr H. Montgomery, Mr R. Hogg, Mr Blakely, and Mr McEwen be a Committee for superintending the affairs of the Fund, during the ensuing year. The Committee to meet in Belfast, when called by the Moderator, on any emergency—Five to be a quorum.

The Treasurer reported—That as the Committee which was appointed at the last meeting of Interloquitur to fix the annuity to the Widows for the current year, had not been convened according to expectation, he, in order to save the annuitants from inconvenience, had advanced to each of them the sum of £14 for the half-year ended the 1st of April last. His conduct was highly approved of; and he was directed to reimburse himself by deducting the amount so advanced, from the annuities for the present year.

English R.D. to be annually added to capital of Fund

Resolved—That the English R.D. shall, every year, be reserved from the expenditure, and added to the capital of the Fund; and that the remaining produce of the Fund, after deducting the neccessary expenses of its management, shall be annually distributed amongst the annuitants.

Mr. Gamble

A memorial was presented by Mr Gamble, requesting to be readmitted as contributor to the Fund. The memorial was dismissed.

Motion by Dr. Hanna deferred

The consideration of the motion, of which Dr Hanna last year gave notice, was deferred till the next meeting of Interloquitur.

Mr Campbell declined making the motion, of which he last year gave notice.

Printing of Minutes

Resolved—That the expense of annually printing the Minutes of Synod and Interloquitur shall in future be defrayed by the Ministers of the Synod, and of the Presbytery of Antrim; and that Mr Hay be requested to advance the sum of £8, to pay for printing the Minutes of the present year. With this request Mr Hay re[a]dily complied.

Fund for incidental expenses

Moved that 3s 4d, shall be annually deducted from the R.D. of each Minister in the first class, 2s 6d, from that of each Minister in the second class, and 1s 8d, from that of each Minister in the third class, for the purpose of defraying expenses incidentally incurred by the Synod and the Presbytery of Antrim.

A Letter was read from Miss Mary Kerr, stating that her father the Revd Josiah Kerr, formerly a contributor to the Fund, went to America in 1816, intending to return to Ireland, as soon as he should have accomplished a certain business which was not likely to detain him long but that he had died whilst preparing to embark for home—The letter further stated, that during his absence his subscription was tendered to the Treasurer who refused to receive it, until he (Mr Kerr) should return to the country.

An affidavit and other documents corroborating the foregoing statement were submitted to the Interloquitur.

On these grounds Miss Kerr rested her own claim conjointly with that of her brothers and sisters, to the benefit of the Fund, since their father's death, which it appears took place at New York on the 12th August 1817.

Their claim was admitted by the Interloquitur.

Mr Bruce gave notice, that in explanation of the 12th Rule, he will move at the next meeting of Interloquitur, that in future any contributor to the Fund who shall be absent from Great Britain, or Ireland for the space of nine months; or who shall leave the United Kingdom, without signifying his intention to the Moderator of the Synod, shall be considered to have gone, with the intention of residing abroad.

Transcribed July 25th 1819.

I certify that the foregoing copy of the Minutes of 1819, is correct.

WILLIAM PORTER, Clk. Genl Synod.

A General Synod at Cookstown, June 27th, 1820.

The Revd Alexander Patterson, Moderator, having preached from Luke 19th chapter, 40th verse, constituted the Synod by prayer.

Present the following members :—

BELFAST PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
Doctor Hannah	James Munfoad	3d Belfast
Henry Simpson		Saintfield
James McCullogh	John Corry	2d Newtonards
William Harrison	Joseph Harrison	2d Holywood
Henry Hazlett	Arthur Clarke	Castlereagh
Alexander McEwen		Kircubbin

BANGOR PRESBYTERY.

Robert Acheson	Thomas Ekenhead	4th Belfast
John Watson		Grayabbey
Hugh Woods		Bangor
Henry Montgomery	William McCance	Dunmurry
William Finlay	John Cuming	Dundonald
William Campbell		Clough, Down

DUBLIN PRESBYTERY.

James Horner		Marys-Abbey
Samuel Simpson		Ushers Quay
Joseph Scott		Stratford-on-Slaney
James Morgan		Carlow

BALLYMENA PRESBYTERY.

Thomas Henry	Pooley Henry	Randalstown
Henry Henry	Mathew Adams	Connor
John Smith		Kilrea
John Hall		Clough, Antrim
Robert Stewart		Broughshane
George McClelland	William Hamilton	Ahoghill
William Wauhop		Ballymena
William M. Wray		Buckna
Robert Park		Ballymoney
William Cuthbertson	James Carr	Cullybackney
Archibald Hutcheson	Robert Dunsheath	Dunean
Robert Magill		Antrim

LETTERKENNY PRESBYTERY.

James Huston		Ballindreat
Joseph Lytle		Letterkenny
Samuel Cuthbertson		1st Omagh
Edward Reid		Rathmelton
John Gillespie		Urney
Henry Carson		Glendermot

CLOGHER PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
Andrew Millar	John Hamilton	Carantall
James Ker		Clogherny
James Hall		Turlough
John Simpson		Fintona and Dromore
James Philips		Five-miletown
John Anderson		Aughnacloy

ROUTE PRESBYTERY.

James Elder	John Greer	Finvoy
Mathew Elder		Kilrats
James Brown	William Rankin	Garva
Francis Dill	Samue[l] Philson	Manorcunningham
Samuel Dill		Donaghmore, Donegall
Charles Kennedy	John Carr	Maghera
James Boyle		Dunluce
John Whiteside	James Lynn	Colerain
Solomon Brown	William Cavan	Castledawson
James Dunlop		Ballyrashane
Richard Dill	Robert Anderson	Drumachose
James Huey		Ballywillin
John Brown	William Gilland	Aghadoey
William Lyle		Dumbo
Jackson Graham		Armoy
Samuel Butler		Magilligan
John Patterson	Richard McLaughlin	Macosquin

MONAGHAN PRESBYTERY.

James Goudie		Glentubret
James Morell	Alexander Waddel	Ballybay
Archibald Meharg		Stonebridge
Patrick White		Bailieborough
James Harper		Castleblaney
Robert Winning		Kingscourt
John A. Adams		Monaghan
Andrew Breakey		Keady

TYRONE PRESBYTERY.

William Moore	Thomas Sloane	Moneymore
Thomas Makay	Robert Robson	Brigh
John Davison	Daniel McCook	Cookstown
John Cowan	James Gibson	Coagh
Robert Hogg	Nathaniel Beggs	Loughgall
David Bennet		Dungannon
William Brown	John Dickson	Tobermore
Robert Cunningham		Minterburn
James Wilson	Dr. Graham	Magherafelt
Robert Allen	Joseph White	Stewartstown
John Hogg	William Henry	Carlan

ARMAGH PRESBYTERY.

James Bankhead		Dromore
Dr. William Neilson		
Dr. Malcom		Newry
James Gardner		Clare
Samuel Eccles		Armagh
David Davison		Dundalk

STRABANE PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
Charles Hemphill		Badoney
William Porter		Newtownlimavady
David Gilkey		2nd Omagh
William McCrea		Donaghedy

DERRY PRESBYTERY.

William Monteith		Glendermot
John Mitchel		Derry
George Hay		Derry
James A. Johnson		Banagher
Henry Kydd		Boveva
Marshall Moore		Faughanvale
Robert Gray		Scrigan

TEMPLEPATRICK PRESBYTERY.

Robert Campbell	John Johnston	Templepatrick
Nathaniel Alexander		Crumlin
William Glendy		Ballycarry
James Reid	William Baird	Donegore

DROMORE PRESBYTERY.

Alexander Patterson		Magherally
Hamilton Dobbin		Lurgan
Moses Finlay		Donaghmore
William McGowan		Mountnorris
Henry Cooke		Killileagh
John Johnston		Tullylish
James McClelland		Ballynahinch
James Collins		Dromore
William Craig		Carnmoney
Samuel Crory	Samuel Nicholson	Drumlough

Elders from vacant Congregations.

Hugh Galbraith	Ballywalter
John Hutchison	Donaghadee

Dr. Malcom Moderator

Mr Patterson having moved that another Moderator be now chosen, the following Ministers were put in nomination:—Messrs E. Reid, Anderson, J. Elder, R. Hogg, Dr Malcom, Hemphill, Monteith, and Campbell. The roll was called and Dr Malcom chosen.

Mr Porter continued Clerk.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, and prepare returns, to be delivered to the Clerk to-morrow morning, of the names and addresses of their respective Moderators for the year; of such of their Ministers as have died, been ordained, or installed, since the last meeting of Synod; of such candidates as they have licensed, or entered on trials; of such students as they have examined before their going to College, and after their return; of their members

for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, and General Synod's fixed Committee; of their annuitants on the Fund, of any that have died during the last twelve months, with the time of their decease; and of all such Presbyterial transactions as our rules require to be reported.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Second Session. (*Wednesday, June* 28, 10 *o'clock, a.m.*)

After prayer the Presbyteries made returns of their members for the several committees; also the following reports:—

Belfast Presbytery report, that the Revd Alexander M^c^Ewen, Kircubbin, is their Moderator for the year; that they have licensed Messrs Thomas Reid, Hugh Maine, Samuel Neilson, Alexander Orr and Campbell Blakely, who all subscribed the "Westminster Confession of Faith," with the exception of Mr Maine; against his being licensed Dr Hanna protested. They have on the fund, Mrs Kennedy, Holywood Congregation; Mrs Jane M^c^Ewen, Killinchy; Mrs Frances Kelburn, 3^d^ Belfast; Mrs Sarah Henry, and Mrs Isabella Grey, both Castlereagh; and Mrs Elizabeth Harrison (now M^c^Ilveen) Holywood. 6 Annuitants

Bangor Presbytery report, that the Revd William Campbell, Clough, is their Moderator for the year: that Mr John Gibson terminated his second trials; but that, on account of circumstances which will come before this meeting in another form, they held it right to delay his ordination, until they should obtain the advice of Synod; that they have examined Messrs Henderson Wightman, and James Cahoon, on their return from college the third time; Hugh Gamble, James Mulligan, and John Byers, on their return the second time; and James Montgomery previously to his going to college the first time; that they have on the Fund, Mrs Jane Hull (now in America) Bangor congregation; Mrs Patterson, Ballee: Mrs Bryson, 4th Belfast; Mrs Anne Porter, Greyabbey; Mrs Mary Caldwell, Dundonald; Mrs Jane Cochrane, Ballywalter; Mrs Jane Porter, Clough; and Mrs Matilda Goudie, Ballywalter. 8 Annuitants

Dublin Presbytery report, that the Revd James Carlisle, Mary's-Abbey, is their Moderator for the year: that on the 21st day of June inst., they ordained the Revd James Morgan in the Congregation of Carlow; that he subscribed the "Westminster Confession of Faith" and declared himself a contributor to the Widows' Fund. Mr. Morgan ordained in Carlow

Ballymena Presbytery report, that the Revd William Cuthbertson, Cullybackey, Ballymena, is their Moderator for the year; that on the 20th inst. they ordained the Revd Robert Magill, as assistant and successor to the Revd Alexander Montgomery, in the congregation of Mill-Row, Antrim; and that he declared himself a contributor to the Widows' Fund; that they have licensed Mr William Raphael to preach the Gospel, and have entered Mr Rogers on first trials; that they examined Mr Pooley Henry before his going to college for the first time and after his return: that Mr William M^c^Clure having previously Mr Magill ordained in Antrim

to his going to college the third time, requested to be taken under their care, they examined him agreeably to Synodical regulations; have on the Fund, Mrs Elizabeth Lindsay, Ballymena Congregation; Mrs Victoria Brown, Broughshane; Mrs Elizabeth Howard, Ahoghill; Mrs Mary Mitchell, Ballymoney; and the family of Mr Park, Buckna. On account of his age and infirmities, Mr Spear of Portglenone, has supplicated, that his congregation may be allowed to chose an assistant and successor.

5 Annuitants

Mr. Speer to take an Assistant

Leave was granted to Mr Spear's congregation.

Letterkenny Presbytery report, that the Revd James Huston, Ballindreat, Strabane, is their Moderator for the year: that they have on second trials, Mr Rodgers, and on first trials, Messrs Gibson and Steele; that they examined Messrs John and Moses Rogers, and John Ramsey on their return from College the first time; John Henderson, on his return the second time; and Mr Johnstone, on his return the third time: that Mrs Allen of the united congregations of Leater and Dunfanaghy, died on the 25th of July last, leaving a family: that they have on the Fund, Mrs Delap 1st Omagh congregation; and Mrs Margaret Burke, Rathmelton; that on the 19th of April last, they suspended *ab officio*, for three months, the Revd Henry Millar, for celebrating marriage irregularly, being the second offence.

Death of Mrs. Allen

2 Annuitants

Mr. Millar suspended

Clogher Presbytery report, that the Revd John Anderson Aughnacloy, is their Moderator for the year: that they examined Mr James Beattie, before his going to college the second time; and that they have on the Fund, Mrs Mary Moorhead, of the united congregations of Fintona and Dromore. They have received no return of marriages from Mr Stephenson, or from Mr Scott. They suspended, *ab officio*, the Rev. William Johnstone, for one month, from the 9th of March last, for an irregular celebration of marriage; and three weeks longer, for other instances of misconduct.

1 Annuitant

Mr. Johnstone suspended

Route Presbytery report, that the Revd James Elder, Finvoy, Kilrea, is their Moderator for the year; that on the 12th of October last, they licensed to preach the Gospel, Messrs McLaughlin and Hamill, who subscribed the "Westminster Confession of Faith," and that they have since entered Mr McLaughlin on second trials, that they examined Malcom McQuig, Gordon Ewing and Archibald Jamieson, before their going to college the first time, and after their return; that having examined Messrs Bellis, Mitchell, and Huston, on their return the fourth time, they admitted them on first trials, together with Mr Nelson—All these students attended full sessions. They have on the Fund, Mrs Mary Gaston, Ballywillin Congregation; Mrs Smyly, Ballymoney; Mrs Mary Hamilton, Aghadowey; Mrs Mary Elder, Garva; Mrs Mary Simpson, Colerain; Mrs Elizabeth Macmullan, Garva; Mrs Blair, Drumachose; Mrs Elizabeth Fullarton, Aghadowey; Mrs Elizabeth Grier and family, Dunbo; Mrs Elizabeth McClelland, Armoy; Mrs Margaret McFarland, Macosquin; Mrs Logan, Ballyrashane; and family of Mr Thompson, Ballywillin. On the 7th of September, they suspended the Revd Daniel McKee, *sine die*; and on the 13th June inst. degraded him for drunkenness, and irregular celebration of marriages.

13 Annuitants

Monaghan Presbytery report, that on the 10th of August last, they ordained to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Keady, the Revd Andrew Breaky, who declared himself a contributor to the Widows' Fund; they have since appointed him Moderator for the year; that they examined Messrs James Denham, and William Fleming before their going to college the first time, and Mr Denham on his return; Mr James Goudie, on his return the second time, and Mr John King, on his return the third time. Have on the fund, Mrs Smith, Stonebridge congregation; Mrs Elizabeth Montgomery (now Gibson) Bailieborough; Mrs Elizabeth Whiteside (now Gunn) Stonebridge; Mrs Jane Moore, Ervey and Carrickmaclin; Mrs Jane Wilson, Longford; Mrs McIlree, Keady; Mrs Anne Jackson, Ballybay; and the family of Mr Stewart of Coothill. On the 30th of November, they suspended *ab officio*, for three months, the Revd Archibald Meharg for celebrating marriage irregularly, being the second offence; and three months longer, for encouraging a respectable female to elope, and marry contrary to the wishes of her parents At their last meeting, the Revd John McCurdy signified his desire, that his congregation should be allowed by the Synod, to choose an assistant and successor—Leave granted to Mr McCurdy's congregation.

Mr. Breaky ordained in Keady

8 Annuitants

Mr. Meharg suspended

Mr M'Curdy to take an Assistant

Tyrone Presbytery report, that the Revd John Hogg, Carlan, Stewartstown, is their Moderator for the year; that the Revd John Hooey, an ordained minister without a charge, put under their care by the Synod, died on the 26th of April last; that they have licensed to preach the Gospel, Messrs James Collins, James Morgan, and James Adams; and have on first trials, Messrs Sloane and Dugall; that they examined Mr William McKay, before his going to college the first time; and Messrs James Sinclair and William Henry, on their return the first time. They have on the Fund, Mrs Mary Boylan, Minterburn congregation; Mrs Martha Dugall, Magherafelt; Mrs Matilda Chambers, Stewartstown; and family of Mr Stewart, Carlan.

Death of Mr. Hooey

4 Annuitants

Armagh Presbytery report, that the Revd Robert Adams, Banbridge, is their Moderator for the year; that they examined Mr Maurice McCaw, on his return from College the first time, who had attended there the full session required by the regulation of Synod; and that they have on the Fund, Mrs Martha Ann Thom, Newry congregation; Mrs Elizabeth Cuming, Armagh; and the family of Mr Shaw, Banbridge.

3 Annuitants

Strabane Presbytery report, that the Revd William McCrea, Donaghedy, Dunnimana, is their Moderator for the year; that they examined Mr James Alexander before his going to college the fifth time, and Mr John Porter, before his going the first time: and that they have on the Fund, Mrs Sarah Tarbet, Donaghedy congregation; Mrs Anne Hamill, Donaghedy; Mrs Mary Anderson, Drumquin; and Mrs Margery Henderson, Derg and Killetur. On the 3d of August last, Mr Clarke, of Ardstraw, obtained leave for his congregation to choose an assistant and successor, provided the sanction of Synod should be granted; and on the 21st of February last, Mr Dunlop, of Strabane, obtained a similar permission for his congregation.

4 Annuitants

Leave granted to the congregations of Messrs Clarke and Dunlop.

Mr. Mitchell installed in L Derry

Mr. Moore ordained in Faughanvale; and Mr. Gray in Scrigan

8 Annuitants

Mr. Caldwell to take an Assistant

Derry Presbytery report, that the Revd Marshal Moore, Muff, is their Moderator for the year; that in August last they installed the Revd John Mitchell in the congregation of Londonderry, as colleague to the Revd George Hay: that in November last, they ordained the Revd Marshal Moore to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Faughanvale; and, on the 21st of December last, the Revd Robert Gray, to that of Scrigan; both of whom are contributors to the Widows' Fund; that they examined the two Messrs Dill, before their going to college the first time; and Messrs Smyth, Walker, and Cunningham, on their return from college the second time: that they have on the Fund, Mrs Martha Walker, Malin congregation; Mrs Eliza Patton, Knowhead; Mrs Margaret Scott, Malin; Mrs Isabella Law, Banagher; Mrs Martha Gray, Boveva; Mrs Jane Elder, Muff; Mrs Margaret Black, Derry; and the family of Mrs Cuthbert, Colerain. That on account of his age and infirmity, the Rev. Robert Caldwell, of Carn, requests that his congregation shall have leave to choose an assistant and successor.

Leave granted.

Mr. Reid ordained in Donegore

2 Annuitants

Case of Church discipline

Templepatrick Presbytery report, that the Revd John Savage, Carrickfergus, is their Moderator for the year: That on the 20th of July last, they ordained the Revd James Reid in the Congregation of Donegore, who declared himself a contributor to the Widows' Fund; that they have on first trials M^{r} McKee; and have examined Mr Stephenson Hunter, on his return from college the second time; and Messrs Doherty and Thompson, on their return the third time: that they have on the Fund, Mrs Isabella Gibson, Crumlin Congregation; and Mrs Mary Thompson, Larne.

The Presbytery requests the advice of Synod, in the following case of Church discipline:—James Hamilton, of Larne Congregation, has formed a matrimonial connexion with his deceased wife's niece, she having a husband living.

Resolved—That the Presbytery of Templepatrick be enjoined, not to admit the parties referred to, to Church privileges, until they shall have dissolved their adulterous and inces[t]uous connexion, and given satisfactory evidence of repentance.

Mr. Weir ordained for Port Gibson, America

Dromore Presbytery report, the Revd Samuel Crory, Drumlough, Dromore, is their Moderator for the year; that having received what they deemed a regular application, they ordained, on the 14th of September, 1819, the Revd William Weir, as the intended minister of Port Gibson (New Orleans America) that they have licensed Mr William Crozier to preach the Gospel: have on first trials, Mr James Templeton; and have received certificates of regular attendance on their respective classes during the last session of college, from John Mulligan, Robert Little, John Bell, William Hay, George Thompson, Edward Allen, John Fisher, and Thomas May; that they examined before their going to college the first time, John Fisher and John Poole; that they have on the Fund, Mrs Hay, Donaghmore congregation, now residing in Donegal; Mrs Thompson (now Campbell) and daughter, Mourne; Mrs Magee, Lurgan; Mrs Eliza Barber, Rathfryland; Mrs Isabella

Little, Killileagh, now residing at Banbridge; family of Mr Patrick, Magherally; Mrs Mary Waddel, Dromore; and Mrs Margaret McClelland, Ballynahinch. 8 Annuitants

Antrim Presbytery report, that the Revd S. H. Sloan, resigned the charge of the old congregation of Holywood on the 11th of June; have on the Fund, Mrs Elizabeth Crombie, first Congregation, Belfast; Mrs Margaret Vance, second Congregation, Belfast; Mrs Alicia Nevin, Downpatrick; Mrs Elizabeth Sinclair, Larne; and the families of Messrs Wightman, Holywood; Marshall, Ballyclare; and Bryson, Antrim. 7 Annuitants

General Synod's fixed Committee for 1820.

Presbs.	Minrs.
Belfast, Messrs	Blakely & J. Hanna
Bangor,	Mulligan & Campbell
Dublin,	Horner & Carlile
Ballymena,	T. Henry & H. Henry
Letterkenny,	Kernahan & Marshall
Clogher,	Sampson & Anderson
Route,	J. Elder & Butler
Armagh,	Bankhead & Arnold
Monaghan,	Adams & Breaky
Tyrone,	Moore & McKay
Strabane,	Gilkey & Armar
Derry,	Moore & Gray
Templepatrick	Campbell & Glendy
Dromore,	Patterson & Cooke

These, with our Moderator and Clerk, and an Elder from each Presbytery, are to meet at Cookstown, when called by the Moderator, on any emenrgency; fifteen to be a quorum; of whom twelve at least are to be Ministers.

Adjourned—Committees to meet immediately—Open Synod at 2 o'clock.

Third Session. Wednesday, June 28, 2 *o'clock, p.m.*

Notice respecting Clare

Mr Stewart gave notice of his intention to move at our next meeting, that the connexion between Mr Adams, & the Congregation of Clare, shall be dissolved.

Carlingford

The state of Carlingford congregation being reported by the Presbytery of Armagh, it was ordered, that during the ensuing year, the remnant of that worship[p]ing society shall be supplied with preaching as frequently as possible, by the Presbytery of Armagh: aided by such ministers belonging to other Presbyteries, as may be willing to afford their services.

Cookstown place of meeting

Resolved—That our next annual meeting shall be held in Cookstown, on the last Tuesday of June; divine service to commence at five o'clock, afternoon.

Notice respecting the day of Synod's meeting

Mr Bankhead gave notice of his intention to move, at our next meeting, that the Synod shall in future be convened on the last Monday of June.

Code of Discipline

The Committe for preparing a 'Code of Discipline, &c.," reported that they had executed the business assigned to them, and recommended that another Committee should now be appointed, for the purpose of revising their manuscript. A Committee was accordingly nominated, consisting of the following members, the Moderator, Dr Hanna, Messrs. Thompson, T. Henry, H. Henry, N. Alexander, James Bankhead, Cooke, William Finlay, H. Montgomery, R. Stewart, Park, Glendy, and John Brown. These members are to prepare a corrected copy of the Code; which they are to circulate, or not, as they shall deem expedient. Should they resolve on circulation, they are invested with a discretionary power as to the form and manner in which it shall be done.

Report of examination Committee

The Committee for the examination of such students in the Belfast Academical Institution, as are connected with the Synod, made the following report.

"Belfast, April 26th 1820.

"At a meeting of the Committee appointed by the General Synod of Ulster, to attend the public examination of students, under their care in the Belfast Academical Institution—present, A. Patterson, Moderator, Dr William Neilson, Dr Hanna, Henry Simpson, Henry Montgomery, Henry Hazlett, Robert Campbell, Fletcher Blakely, William Glendy;—the following Students were examined, and the Moderator was ordered to join the respective Professors in signing their certificates:—

"In Latin, Archibald Jamison, William Loughridge, Hugh Hamilton, John Porter, Malcom McQuig, Pooley Henry.

In Natural Philosophy, Edward Alexander, George Bellis, George Jardine, George Thompson, William Hay, William McClure, Hugh Gamble, James Cowan, James McKay, James Mulligan, John Bell,

John Doherty, John Mulligan, Moses Thompson, Robert Little, Thomas May.

"April 27th—Present, A. Patterson, Moderator, Dr W. Neilson, Dr Hanna, H. Montgomery, R. Campbell, R. Orr, W. Wright, John Johnstone;—the following students were examined and the Moderator was ordered to join the respective Professors, in signing their certificates:—

"In Mathematics, Edward Alexander, Edward Allen, George Jardine, George Thompson, Hugh Gamble, William Hay, James Beattie, James Bones, James Sinclair, John Byers, John Carnduff, John Mulligan, Stephenson Hunter.

"In Logic, Archibald Jamison, Gordon Ewing, William Loughridge, Hugh Hamilton, James Denham, James Sinclair, John Fisher, John Poole, John Porter, Malcom McQuig, Pooley Henry.

"April 28th—Present, A. Pattterson, Moderator, Dr Hanna, Dr William Neilson, H. Montgomery, R. Campbell, R. Orr, W. Glendy, Samuel Crorey;—the following students were examined, and the Moderator was ordered to join the respective Professors in signing their Certificates:—

"In Greek, Edward Alexander, William McClure, Maurice McCaw, Archibald Jamison, William Loughridge, Hugh Hamilton, James Denham, John Porter, John Poole, John Fisher, Malcom McQuig, Pooley Henry.

"In Moral Philosophy, Edward Allen, William Smith, James Beattie, James Bones, James Sinclair, John Byers, John Carnduff, Johnston Neilson, Maurice McCaw, Stephenson Hunter.

"Edward Alexander, George Bellis, George Jardine, George Thompson, William Hay, William McClure, Hugh Gamble, James Cowan, James McKay, James Mulligan, John Bell, John Doherty, John Mulligan, Robert Little, and Thomas May, having been examined in presence of the Committee, in Latin, Greek, Logic, Moral Philosophy, Natural Philosophy, and Mathematics,—ordered that the Moderator join the Professors in granting to these students the General Certificate sanctioned by the Synod, as equivalent to a Degree in Arts.

"The Committee feel pleasure in reporting, that these examinations have enabled them to bear unqualified testimony both to the abilities of the Professors, and the diligence of the students. In all the Classes, the proficiency of the pupils was so evident as to afford the highest satisfaction to all present.

("Signed)

"WM. GLENDY, Clerk of Committee."

Resolved—That the committee of last year be continued for the present; and that any other Ministers of Synod, who may attend the examinations, shall have the privilege of voting.

B.A. Institution

An Address was received from the joint Boards of Managers and Visiters of the Belfast Academical Institution, stating the continued prosperity of that establishment, and the high satisfaction afforded, by the talents and assiduity of the several Professors; congratulating the Synod on the complete success by which its efforts for the establishment of a system of home education, have now been crowned; and communicating an assurance, that it shall, at all times, be an invariable rule with the Joint Boards, to select men of character and talents, to fill the chairs of the Institution.

A Letter was at the same time, received from the Faculty of the Institution, communicating similar information respecting the prosperous state of that seminary; recommending increased attention on the part of Presbyteries, to the preparatory education of candidates for the ministry; and requesting the Synod to impress strongly on all students under its care, who are educated in Belfast, the propriety of adopting the course of summer reading, last year recommended by the Faculty.

These communications were highly gratifying to the Synod; and the Moderator was instructed to assure the Faculty, that due regard shall be paid to their suggestions.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 7 o'clock.

Fourth Session, (Thursday, June 29th 7 o'clock, a.m.)

Mrs. Cuming

After prayer, the committee for purchasing a piece of plate to be presented to Mrs Cuming and her family, reported that they had carried into effect the object of their appointment, and a letter was read from Mrs Cuming expressing her thanks.

Church of Scotland

Dr Henry gave notice that he will move at our next meeting that the regulation made last year, respecting the ministers and licentiates of the Church of Scotland, be repealed; and that our connexion with that body shall remain, as fixed in 1818.

Case of the suspended Members of Route Presbytery

It having appeared, that the sentence of suspension last year pronounced by the Synod on certain members of the Presbytery of Route, had not been submitted to by any of the individuals on whom it was passed, Mr Hay proposed that a conference should be held between those individuals and the following brethren, who are forthwith to report the result; Messrs A. Millar, Moore, Horner, Hay, Cooke, Stewart, Reid, and R. Hogg.

The conference was held, and the following report received :—

"The brethren appointed to confer with the suspended members of the Presbytery of Route, report, that after hearing their reasons in defence of the line of conduct which they have pursued, they recommended to them, to express their deep sorrow for having fallen into irregularities in their presbyterial conduct. They advised them to state to the Synod their sincere regret, that they had felt themselves under the necessity of declining submission to what they could not

help considering a severe and unprecedented sentence; and that they were led to resistance, not from any disrespect to the Body, but from a conceived regard to their own usefulness, and a conviction, that their case had not been fully heard by the Synod of 1819.

"With this advice, the suspended members, after a short conversation expressed their willingness to comply; and the brethren respectfully recommend to the Synod, to accept of their apology.

"(Signed)
"ANDREW MILLAR, Moderator."

Moved and agreed to, That the foregoing recommendation be adopted. Against this decision, Messrs Harrison, Smith, Eccles, and W. Cuthbertson, ministers, and James Carr, elder, signified their intention of protesting; and promised to assign their reasons in due time.

The suspended members having made the required apology, it was Resolved,—That though we might now enforce the sentence of suspension which was last year passed, yet, on account of the apology which has been made, and from a desire to promote kind and Christian feelings amongst all the members of this body, we think it expedient to proceed no farther in this matter.

Mr Harrison and the others having offered their reasons of protest, it was moved, that these reasons shall be *in retentis,* but not inserted in the Minutes.

On this it was moved, as an amendment, That the reasons of protest be inserted in the Minutes,—The roll was called, and the amendment negatived. Against this decision, and against the offending members of the Presbytery of Route being allowed to vote on this question, Messrs Montgomery, Harpur, Harrison, Eccles, and D. Davison, ministers, and Joseph Harrison, elder, signified their intention to protest, and promised to assign their reasons in due time. The original motion was then passed.

The reasons of protest assigned by Mr Montgomery and the other dissentient members, being read, their insertion in the Minutes was in like manner objected to. The question was put—"Insert, or not?"—The roll was called, and it was carried "not." The reasons were then ordered to be, *in retentis.*

Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

Fifth Session, (*Thursday, June* 29*th*, 10 *o'clock a.m.*)

The members appointed to collect contributions in support of the Divinity Professorship, severally reported their proceedings. Divinity Professorship

Moved, and unanimously agreed to, That the thanks of this Synod are due to the collectors, for their zealous endeavours to accomplish the object of their appointment; and that they be requested to persevere in their exertions.

The late Moderator reported, that in obedience to the injunction of Synod, he had written to the several members of the Presbytery of Antrim (with the exception of Mr McEwen, who had formerly contributed) requesting their co-operation in support of our Divinity Professorship; but had received an answer from one member only, who declined doing anything in the matter.

The late Moderator farther reported, that he had prepared a letter, on the same subject, to the Moderator of the Synod of Munster; but that, owing to certain circumstances which were stated, the letter had not been transmitted.

Ordered, that our present Moderator shall make to our brethren in the South, the official application which was last year resolved on.

The committee for managing the concerns of the professorship of Divinity and Church History in the Belfast Academical Institution made the following report:—

Report of Professorship Committee

"Your Committee report, that they have had only a few meetings during the last twelve months; and those on subjects of little importance. For a more particular account of their proceedings, they refer to their Minutes, which are in the hands of their Clerk.

"They farther report, that the Session of the Divinity class commenced on the 10th of November, and ended on the 1st of May last; and that the whole business of the establishment was transacted most harmoniously, and in a manner highly creditable both to the Professor and to the students.

"The committee regret extremely, that they have been able to give the Professor one hundred pounds only, for his labours during the last three sessions. On this fact the Committee cannot trust their feelings so far as to make any comment.

"(Signed,)

"H. MONTGOMERY, Moderator of Committee.

State of the Funds for support of the Divinity Professorship:—

Received prior to last meeting of Synod, from 13 Congregations	£299 : 17 : 5
Received since last meeting of Synod, from 70 Congregations	374 : 8 : 11
Subscription from Mr Allen of Dunover ..	5 : 0 : 0
	£674 : 6 : 4
Deduct Notes of Messrs Alexander's Bank ..	4 : 10 : 0
For permanent Fund	£674 : 16 : 4

Received prior to last meeting of Synod, from 54 ministers	£109 : 0 : 0
Received since last meeting, from 32 ministers	63 : 15 : 0
From the congregation of Corglass ..	1 : 0 : 0
Amount for support of the Professor for 3 years	£173 : 15 : 0

Resolved,—That the Committee of last year be re-appointed for the present, with the addition of Dr Wm Neilson,—Mr Munfoad continued Treasurer.

Instructions to professorship Committee

Resolved,—That to this Committee, and to Professor Hanna, all affairs connected with the interest and management of the Theological Class, and the government of the students whilst assembled in the class-room, be committed for the ensuing year, but that, in all other respects, these students shall be under the government and controul of the Faculty.

Resolved,—That the sum collected for the permanent support of our Theological Chair, shall be vested by the committee in the National Funds, that it may become as productive as possible.

Resolved,—That the Committee be instructed to write to such ministers as have not yet paid their respective contributions, requesting them to forward the same to Mr Munfoad, so that the Professor may receive £100 per annum, for his past services.

Annual collections for the support of the Professorship to be made for a time

Ordered, that until a fund can be provided adequate to the permanent support of our Theological Chair, every minister of the Synod shall annually make a collection in his congregation, and transmit the amount to the Treasurer of the Managing Committee, that it may be appropriated to the immediate remuneration of the Professor.

Overture for providing materials for a history of Presbyterianism in Ireland

On reading the overture of last year, for preserving the knowledge of important facts relative to the Presbyterians of Ireland, the consideration of which was deferred until the present meeting, it was moved, That the overture be adopted, and that the required account shall in due time be furnished by each minister to his Presbytery, by whom it shall be carefully revised, and communicated to the Synod at its next annual meeting.

Moved, as an amendment, That the object of this overture is highly desirable, but that, in our opinion, it would be most effectually accomplished, if some individual of literary talents, were to take on himself the management of the business, and make personal application to the several members of Synod. The roll was called and the amendment negatived. The original motion was then passed.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

Sixth Session, (Thursday, June 29th, 3 o'clock p.m.)

Corglass

On reading the Minute of last year respecting Corglass, Mr Hay stated, that, according to the request of Synod, he had advanced £150, for enabling Mr White and his congregation, to resist the suit at law instituted to deprive them of their farm; for which sum he was not as yet completely reimbursed, in consequence of some ministers having refused to allow the required contributions to be deducted from their bounty.

Mr White accounted for the expenditure of the sum advanced; and stated, that though a verdict had been pronounced in his favour, yet he still wanted £260 to defray the expenses which he had incurred, and requested the Synod to devise some means by which he might be indemnified.

Dr William Neilson, James Bankhead, James Morell, T. Henry, and Henry Montgomery, were appointed as a Committee to confer with Mr White, and devise some plan for the attainment of his object. This Committee made the following report:—

"On a minute consideration of the whole of this very important case, the committee recommend that the Presbytery of Monaghan be enjoined by the Synod, not to ordain an assistant or successor to Mr White, in case of his taking an assistant and successor; nor in case of his resignation, translation, or death, until payment shall be made of the sum which, to the Presbytery, shall appear due to him at the time; or until what the Presbytery shall deem adequate security for the liquidation of such sum, be given, to himself, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns.

"And, in order that this injunction may be carried into effect, the Committee farther recommend, that the Synod direct the Presbytery of Monaghan to hold a meeting at Bailieborough, as soon as convenient, and to require the acquiescence and co-operation of the congregation of Corglass in the foregoing plan. This acquiescence to be entered in the records of the Presbytery, and in the session book of that Congregation, and duly authenticated by the signature of the Moderator of the Presbytery, and of the Committee of the congregation.

This recommendation was unanimously adopted by the Synod; and such ministers as have not yet paid the contributions required in this case, were exhorted from the Chair to do so.

Drumlough

The members appointed for the purpose reported, that they had forwarded a memorial to Government, for the extension of his Majesty's bounty to the lately erected congregation of Drumlough.

Mr. Skelly's case

The Committee last year appointed to decide on the case of Mr Skelly read, as part of their report, the Minutes of the Presbytery of Bangor on this subject.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock to-morrow morning.

AT COOKSTOWN, JUNE 27TH, 1820.

Seventh Session, (Friday, June 30th 7 o'clock a.m.)

The Committee resumed their report, and stated, that after a most minute investigation, they had degraded Mr Skelly from the ministerial office.

Against this decision, a memorial was addressed by Mr Skelly, alleging that it was unsupported by evidence, and unfounded in fact; stating that since his trial by the Committee, new and important matter had arisen in his favour, and pr ying that he might be heard in his defence.

Mr Cornelius Campbell appeared as Commissioner; and presented a memorial from the session and seat holders of the congregation of Donaghadee; declaring their conviction of Mr Skelly's innocence, and praying that he might be reinstated as their minister.

Mr Skelly was heard in his defence.—Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

Eighth Session, (Friday, June 30th, 10 o'clock, a.m.)

Mr Skelly produced as Witnesses in his favour, William Tait, Esqre magistrate of Wigtown, Scotland, and Thomas Dornan of Donaghadee, both of whom were solemly adjured, and examined at great length. Mr Skelly having declined to produce any other witnesses, he, and the Commissioner from Donaghadee were ordered to withdraw.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock.

Ninth Session, (Friday, June 30th 2 o'clock p.m.)

Moved, That the prayer of the memorial from the Congregation of Donaghadee be granted.

Moved, as an amendment, That the decision of the Committee be confirmed.

After a long discussion, the roll was called, and the amendment negatived.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Tenth Session, (Saturday July 1st 7 o'clock, a.m.)

After prayer, reports from several Committees were read, and ordered to be inserted in their proper places.

Adjourned till ten o'clock.

Eleventh Session, (Saturday, July 1st 10 o'clock, a.m.)

The consideration of Mr Skelly's case being resumed, the original motion was put and negatived.

It was then moved, that Mr Skelly be suspended, *ab officio, sine die.*

Moved, as an amendment, That in place of the words "*sine dei*" [*die*] the words, "twelve months" be inserted—The roll was called and this amendment negatived.

Mr. Skelly suspended *sine dei* [*die*]

The motion for suspension, *sine die,* was then passed without a division.

Mr. S. Elder

The Presbytery of Templepatrick, reported, that they had found Mr Samuel Elder guilty of the offence particularly alluded to in the Minutes of last year; and after public rebuke, had suspended him, *ab officio,* for four Lord's days. They also stated their proceedings with respect to other acts of irregularity with which they have reason to believe that Mr Elder is chargeable.

Moved, and unanimously agreed to, That the conduct of the Presbytery of Templepatrick in this affair, be approved of.

Committee of Books

The Committee of Books reported, that all the Presbyteries, except Dublin, had obeyed the order of Synod respecting the production of their Records, which on examination, appeared to be regularly kept.

Dr Malcom requested, that the following amendment of the Regulation of 1805, respecting marriage, should be entered in the minutes, for the consideration of the members of Synod, till next year.

Proposed amendment of rule of 1805 respecting marriage

"Any minister of the body, who shall join in marriage any man or women not under his care, but under the care of some other regular minister of the Christian Church, without being certified in writing by the minister to whose congregation the party may belong, that there is not, so far as is known to him, any legal impediment to the marriage, or by the session to the same effect, in case of vacancy, or of the absence of the Minister; or by the parents of the party, in case of the refusal of the minister or session, specified by him or them, to arise solely from want of compliance with the proclamation of bans; shall, for the first instance of transgression proved, be rebuked publicly by his Presbytery; for the second instance be suspended *ab officio,* three months; and for the third be degraded.

"In case of either of the parties belonging to the established Church, a certificate from the church Clergyman to the same effect as above, shall be held sufficient, But if, on a formal application made by the minister to the Church Clergyman, for a certificate by a letter to be delivered to the Clergyman, by a person specially sent by the minister for that purpose, the Clergyman shall not in a reasonable time grant one, nor state any legal impediment to the union of the parties then, and in that case, the certificate shall not be held as indispensably necessary."

A Letter from Hibernian Bible Society was received and read, to which the Moderator was instructed to return a respectful answer; and, in accordance with which, it is most earnestly recommended by the Synod to all its members, to promote the cause of Bible associations in their respective vicinities.

OVERTURES.

I. The following Addresses to his Majesty, and his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, were unanimously agreed to.

ADDRESS TO THE KING.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

"We the ministers and Elders of the General Synod of Ulster embrace the opportunity afforded by our annual meeting, of approaching the Throne, and expressing our sincere condolence with your Majesty, on the death of our late venerable and beloved King. Address to the King

"During a reign unprecedented in its length, and unequalled in the importance of the events with which it was marked, our late lamented Monarch, ever exhibited to his Subjects an example of all that is truly amiable and excellent. In the bosom of his family, he was a pattern of piety and devotion; in the circle of his court, he was the revered supporter of morality and religion; and during the lengthened period in which he presided over the councils of these realms, the limits of religious liberty were more than usually extended, and each denomination of Christians, in the Monarch, found a friend.

"Under his government, we have experienced much of his kindness; our Ministers have had their means of subsistence liberally increased; and our rights, as Presbyterians, were recognised, extended, and secured.

"Almighty God having been pleased to remove from amongst us, your Majesty's pious and venerable father, we beg leave to approach your Majesty, and offer to you our sincere congratulations on your Majesty's succession to the throne of your ancestors. And we beg leave farther to assure your Majesty, that we shall ever earnestly inculcate on the people under our care, a steady attachment to your Majesty's person, respect for the constitution, obedience to the laws, and an inviolable regard to those principles that placed your illustrious family on the throne.

"That your Majesty's reign may be long, and peaceful, and prosperous, and that you may live in the hearts and affections of your people, is the earnest prayer of your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects.

"Signed in our name, and by our order, at Cookstown, this 1st day of July, 1820.

"A. G. MALCOM, Moderator."

ADDRESS TO THE LORD LIEUTENANT.

Address to Lord Lieutenant

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, CHARLES, EARL TALBOT, LORD LIEUTENANT GENERAL, AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

"We, the Ministers and Elders of the General Synod of Ulster, request that your Excellency will be pleased to transmit to our most Gracious Sovereign, the loyal and dutiful Address which we herewith forward to your Excellency.

"We have much satisfaction in embracing the present occasion, of renewing to your Excellency our sincere expression of high respect for your Excellency's private character; and our warm approbation of the mild and equitable manner in which you have administered the Laws, since your Excellency's appointment to the Chief Government of this Country.

"Signed in our name, and by our order, at Cookstown, this 1st day of July, 1820.

"A G. MALCOM, Moderator."

Resolved—that fair copies of the foregoing Addresses, be made out, and transmitted, through Dr Horner, to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

Ordered, that the Addresses, with their answers, be published by the Moderator, in the "*Dublin Correspondent*," the "*Belfast News-Letter*," the "*Belfast Commercial Chronicle*," the "*Newry Telegraph*," and the "*Londonderry Journal*."

Committee for promoting Presbyterianism in the south and west

II. Overtured, and unanimously agreed to, that a Committee of the General Synod, consisting of eight ministers, shall be annually appointed, for promoting the cause of Presbyterianism in the south and west of Ireland.

The Committee for this year to be composed of the following members:—the Moderator, Mr Thompson, Dr Hanna, Dr William Neilson, H. Henry, H. Montgomery, H. Cooke and R. Stewart.

This Committee shall be instructed to co-operate with the ministers of Dublin, the Synod of Munster, and the Trustees of the General Fund, in presevering and extending the Presbyterian interest in the above mentioned parts of the Kingdom.

They shall have power to meet as often as they shall judge proper; and to suggest to Ministers, to Presbyteries, and to Synods such measures as to them may appear serviceable to the Presbyterian cause, They shall be authorized to correspond with Ministers and Presbyteries: and also to invite other ministers to attend their meetings, for the purpose of furnishing information, and otherwise assisting them in their deliberations.

They shall give in a written report to each annual meeting of the General Synod.

BILLS.

I. A Memorial was received from the worshipping society of Anaghlone, stating, that during the last twelve months they have been regularly supplied with preaching by the Presbytery of Dromore; that according to the permission of Synod, they have now built a meeting-house, and that they pledged themselves to pay a minister an annual stipend of fifty pounds; they therefore prayed to be recognized as a Congregation. Anaghlone recognised as a Congregation

The prayer of this memorial was granted.

II. A Memorial was received from the Revd James Morgan, stating, that on the 21st day of June last, he was ordained to the pastoral charge of the lately erected congregation of Carlow, and, praying the Synod to take the necessary steps to procure for him, and his successors in that place, a share of his Majesty's bounty. Carlow

This application was acceded to; and the Moderator and Mr Horner were directed to prepare, in our name, a Memorial to Government, stating the history and circumstances of Carlow Congregation; and praying that it may be placed on the list of those for whose respective ministers, a portion of Royal Bounty is allotted.

III. A supplication was received from the Maguire's Bridge part of the congregation of Enniskillen, stating that from time immemorial they have had a separate meeting-house, which is seven miles distant from that of Enniskillen; that hitherto they have had divine service only every fifth Lord's day; that they are willing and able to support a minister of their own; and praying the Synod to recognise them as a separate congregation—a measure strongly recommended by Mr Stevenson, their present pastor, and by the Presbytery of Clogher, to which they belong. Maguire's Bridge

The Presbytery of Clogher having given their opinion in favour of this Memorial, were directed to assist Mr Stevenson in supplying the people of Maguire's Bridge with preaching, till the next meeting of Synod, and then to report the state of that congregation.

IV. A Memorial was presented from certain persons styling themselves "Presbyterian worshippers at Grange, in the bounds of the Presbytery of Ballymena," stating, that in early times the Presbyterians of Grange constituted a distinct congregation, under the care of the Synod; that they were afterwards united with the congregation of Dunean, under the ministry of the late Mr Scott, and enjoyed the half of that gentleman's official services; that in the decline of his life, their congregation gradually fell away, and shortly after his demission was literally dissolved as a Presbyterian body. Grange

Memorialists accounted for this dissolution, by stating, that many of their members had been led astray by itinerant and self-constituted preachers; that these members were now convinced of their error;

that their whole body were anxiously desirous of being again taken under the care of the Synod; and prayed to be recognised as a separate congregation; engaging in that case, to contribute fifty pounds per annum for the support of a minister. James McMullan appeared as their Commissioner.

The Commissioner, and the Presbytery of Ballymena having been heard at length, it was moved, That the prayer of the Memorial be granted.

Moved, as an amendment, That the Presbytery of Ballymena be instructed to supply the people of Grange with preaching during the ensuing year; and endeavour to effect a reunion between that worship[p]ing society and the congregation of Dunean.

The original motion was withdrawn and the amendment agreed to.

Adjourned till 12, o'clock on Monday.

Twelfth Session, (July 3d twelve o'clock).

After prayer, the Revd Thomas D. Hincks, a member of the Synod of Munster, being present, was requested, from the Chair, to sit, deliberate, and vote with the Synod. Mr Hincks signified his acquiescence.

Case of Mr Gibson and the Congregation of Ballywalter

V. A Memorial was received from the congregation of Ballywalter, stating, that shortly after the last meeting of Synod, they had chosen for their pastor the Revd John Gibson, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Tyrone; that certain charges were subsequently preferred against him before the Presbytery of Bangor, of which charges that body had pronounced him not guilty; and yet, had unaccountably delayed his ordination.

Memorialists prayed, that the above sentence of acquittal might be confirmed; that an early day might be appointed for Mr Gibson's ordination; and that he might in the meantime, be continued their constant supplier. They nominate as Commissioners, Hugh Galbraith and Francis Stewart.

Resolved unanimously,—That though many expressions in the foregoing Memorial are highly indecent and scandalous, and unfit to be used in the presence of this body, yet, in order to afford Mr Gibson and the Commissioners from Ballywalter, an opportunity of being heard, we deem it right to proceed to the consideration of the Matter therein contained.

The commissioners having stated, that they had nothing to add to the Memorial, the Presbytery of Bangor were heard on the subject of the charges against Mr Gibson, and read their Minutes with respect to them.

Mr Gibson then entered on his defence.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Thirteenth Session. Tuesday July 4th 7 o'clock, A.M.

After prayer, Mr Gibson resumed his defence. Witnesses were adjured and examined as to one of the charges against him, and the whole case was minutely investigated.

Adjourned till a quarter past 11 o'clock.

Fourteenth Session, (Tuesday July 4th ¼ past 11 o'clock, a.m.)

The investigation of Mr Gibson's case was continued—

The parties having stated that they had nothing more to add, were ordered to withdraw.

Moved, and unanimously agreed to, That the prayer of the Memorial from Ballywalter be rejected.

Moved, That Mr Gibson's license be withdrawn.

Moved, as an amendment, That Mr Gibson's call to Ballywalter be returned to the Presbytery of Bangor, and that he himself be sent back to the Presbytery of Tyrone.

After some discussion this amendment was withdrawn, and the original motion was passed. Mr. Gibson's License withdrawn

VI. A Memorial was received from Robert Millar, stating that he was formerly a member of the Congregation of Ballykelly; that on account of certain offences of which he had acknowledged himself guilty, and for which he had expressed sincere contrition, the minister and session of that Congregation had excluded him from church priviliges, though he had uniformly declared his willingness to submit to any censure they might think proper to impose; that under these circumstances, memorialist had brought his case before the Presbytery of Route, whose determination was, that he might be admitted as a member of any congregation within their bounds, on giving proofs of the genuineness of his repentance, and submitting to adequate censure; that with this decision memorialist was, and still is waiting to comply, but that the session of Ballykelly have refused to receive him on any terms. Memorialist prayed the Synod to determine on his case as to them might seem good. Case of Church Discipline in Ballykelly

After a minute investigation, it was moved, and unanimously agreed to, that this Memorial be dismissed as vexatious; and that memorialist be excluded from Christian ordinances in our Church, until he shall have satisfied the Presbytery of Route as to the sincerity of his repentance.

Mr Harrison gave notice, that he will move at our next meeting, for an amendment of the resolution of 1740, against inserting in the minutes the reasons assigned by protesters. Notice by Mr. Harrison

Dr Hanna and Mr Hay gave notice, of their intention to bring forward, at our next meeting, a plan for the formation of a society for educating the sons of ministers of the General Synod of Ulster. Notice by Dr. Hanna and Mr. Hay

Synod concluded with prayer.

INTERLOQUITUR.

A Statement of the receipts and payments of his Majesty's Royal Bounty, for the year ended the 29th of September 1819 was submitted to the Interloquitur, and found correct.

The accounts of the Widows' Fund, for the year ended the 1st of October, 1819, were also submitted, and found correct.

The Treasurer was ordered to invest the balance now in his hands, belonging to the Fund, in the 5 per cent. Stock.

Management of the Fund

The Treasurer stated, that conformably to the order of last meeting, he had consulted Mr Morgan, of London, an eminent and experienced calculator, on certain points connected with the circumstances and management of the Fund; whose opinion was, that the plan of making a certain annual addition to the capital, which was last year resolved on by the Interloquitur, is the safest and best which can be devised.

Thanks to treasurer

Resolved unanimously,—That the thanks of the Interloquitur be returned to the Treasurer, for having obtained the foregoing opinion, without subjecting the Fund to any expence.

Order of last year modified

Resolved unanimously,—That the order of last Interloquitur, enjoining the Treasurer annually to transmit to the Moderator of each Presbytery, a particular statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Fund, shall for the present, be rescinded; and that in place of a particular statement, it will be sufficient to subjoin to the Minutes of each year, a general one, such as may be found in the Minutes of 1815.

Treasurer's Security

Mr Hay stated, that for the faithful discharge of the trust reposed in him, as Treasurer of the Fund, Mr John Thompson, merchant, of Londonderry, had joined him in a bond to the amount of £2000.

Ordered, that one copy of said bond shall be lodged with the Clerk of the Peace for the City and County of Londonderry, and another with the Trustees of the Fund.

The Treasurer reported, that he had made the inquiries directed, respecting the security marked No 3, and that the two lawyers whom he was instructed to consult, considered that security as sufficient.

The Treasurer stated, that he had not succeeded in procuring from the representatives of Dr Black a settlement of the accounts of the Fund for incidental expenses. The Moderator was instructed to write to Mr Joseph Black, requesting him to hand over to Mr Hay the sum of £39 : 14 : 3, which appears, by the report of the Committee that inspected Dr Black's books, to be due to the ministers of the Synod.

Fund Committee

Resolved—That the Moderator, Mr Thompson, Dr Bruce, Dr Hanna, Mr McCance, Mr James Bankhead, Mr Horner, Mr H. Montgomery, Mr R. Hogg, Mr Blakely, and Mr W. D. H. McEwen, be the Commiteee for superintending the affairs of the Fund, during the ensuing year. They are to meet in Belfast, when called by the Moderator on any emergency. Five to be a quorum.

The consideration of Dr Hanna's motion, which was last year deferred, was further postponed till the next meeting of Interloquitur. Dr. Hanna's motion deferred

Resolved unanimously—That £8, be the sum this year allowed for printing the Minutes; and the Clerk was instructed to have them henceforth executed in an octavo form. Minutes to be printed in 8vo

For defraying expenses incident[al]ly incurred by the Synod, and the Presbytery of Antrim, Mr Hay was requested to make this year, the same deduction from the R.D. of each minister, which was ordered by last Interloquitur. Incidental expenses

Resolved—That is is incumbent on ministers writing on their own business to the Agent of his Majesty's bounty, to the Treasurer of the Fund, or to the Moderator or Clerk of the Synod, to have their letters either franked or post paid.

A Memorial was presented from Mr A. J. Barnett of Belfast, on behalf of the family of the late Mr Bryson, a contributor to the Fund. The case was maturely considered, and the Treasurer was ordered to pay to Mr Barnett, on his accountable receipt, the Interest of £266, for the benefit of Mr Bryson's children, the Interest to commence on the same day in 1819, up to which in 1805, Mrs Bryson received her annuity. Family of Mr. Bryson

Mr N. Alexander gave notice of his intention to move at the next meeting of Interloquitur, that assistant ministers who shall not have paid their subscriptions on or before the 1st of September, in each year, shall forfeit their connexion with the Fund. Notice respecting assistant ministers

Mr Cooke gave notice, that he will next year move an explanation of the 11th Regulation of the Fund. Notice respecting 11th regulation

Mr R. Dill, Junr, gave notice, that he will propose at the next meeting of Interloquitur, an alteration of the 15th Regulation of the Fund.

The Clerk was requested to continue the Extracts from the Records of the General Synod, from the 1st of June, 1804, till the 1st of June, 1820.

I certify that the foregoing copy of the Minutes of 1820 is correct.

WILLIAM PORTER, Clerk of
Genl. Synod.

At a General Meeting of Synod held at Cookestown June 26th 1828, the Clerk was instructed to set apart, every year, one of the *printed* copies of the minutes, the correctness of which he is to attest by his signature—The copies thus preserved and attested are in future to be considered as the official and authentic Records of the Synod.

Certified by

WILLIAM PORTER, Clk. Genl. Synod.

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